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## Govt-run video lottery pushed; POB authorization law enacted

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos proposed to lawmakers yesterday the creation of a "government-run, limited video lottery gaming on Saipan" that could be used for debt service for an up to \$300 million pension obligation bond, the authorization bill for which was signed by the governor also yesterday morning.

» 200 video lottery terminals in select hotels eyed  
» Debt service options for estimated \$70M-\$100M initial bond float

The initial effort involves placement of 200 video lottery terminals in selected hotels on Saipan.

The governor held a joint leadership meeting with members of the Senate and House of Representatives, along with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

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## FUND PORTFOLIO AT \$172.2M

## Fund refund checks eyed in August

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

Despite no final schedule yet as to when the payment of refunds will be issued to qualified applicants, the NMI Retirement Fund is eyeing issuing the checks in August, according to Fund administrator

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## Nicole Sablan is 2013 Liberation Day Queen

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Nicole Ichihara Sablan was crowned the 2013 Liberation Day Queen on Monday night, besting four other candidates by raising the most number of fundraising tickets to win the contest.

Sablan took home the tiara during the announcement of winners at the Civic Center in Susupe.

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The 2013 Liberation Day Royal Court, from left, 1st Princess Sina Ha'ani Ulloa Palacios, Royal Princess Melody Margaret Johnson, 2013 Liberation Day Queen Nicole Ichihara Sablan, 2nd Princess Rea-Lei L. Iskawa, and 3rd Princess Annalyn Jovannah Cabrera pose for a group shot after the coronation ceremony Monday night at the Civic Center in Susupe.

## CNMI braces for asylum seekers after Jan. 1, 2014

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The CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications will expire on Jan. 1, 2014, and this early, officials are wary about its negative impacts not

only on the U.S. visa waiver program for Commonwealth-bound Chinese and Russian tourists but also on the courts and the population as a whole.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday that extending

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# Local

## ‘More railings, restrooms, signs needed at tourist sites’

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REPORTER

Popular tourist spots in the CNMI need to have more railings, restrooms, and signages so they will continue to attract and encourage more tourists to visit the destination, according to a committee of the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Ed Arriola Jr., vice chairman of the Destination Enhancement Committee, gave this overall assessment yesterday in the panel's report on popular sites in Marpi.

Marpi is home to popular tourist spots such as Banzai Cliff, Last Command Post, Grotto, Bird Island, and Suicide Cliff.

At Banzai Cliff, the type of work needed include painting and minor structural plastering of the pavilion; painting and male lavatory pipe connections; the lookout railings need repair; a faucet needs to be installed outside the restroom; some landscaping; and installation of an interpretative signboard; among others.

At the Last Command Post, the committee says there is an immediate need to place a signboard, while the benches and pavilion need repainting, among others.

Also requiring immediate repair is the railings at Grotto and

the renovation of the restroom as well as installation of signages in the area.

The Bird Island lookout and Suicide Cliff also need pavement repair and additional restrooms.

“We are focusing on the tourist areas up north in Marpi. Railings at Banzai and Bird Island need to be repaired. We also need to paint up all the sites and fix the restrooms. Our visitors also need new signage to fully grasp what they are looking at and understand the significance of the site,” Arriola said.

According to Arriola, the Grotto is a going to be a major

project.

“The stairs and railings really need to be worked on. Safety is a big concern here. We also need to fix the restrooms in Grotto, and create more safety down at the bottom of the stairs. Sometimes tourists try to cross onto the large rock, or move around the other slippery rocks to get a nice photo...all it takes is one slip. And they then have to struggle with 114 steps to get back up,” he said.

He also disclosed plans to add security or a lifeguard at the bottom of the Grotto, with a radio to make sure the guests will always have some sort of safety

system in place.

The costs of these Marpi projects have yet to be determined.

### Renovation of PDM

Arriola said the committee is currently working on the renovation of Paseo de Marianas with the planting of new trees, installation of new lights, and addition of music and entertainment options.

“This are all in the planning stages, but we look to be done within the month of July,” he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, adding that Paseo de Marianas is a quick-win project that was conceived by Gov. Eloy Inos.

As part of this project, Maggie Sablan and Becky Tenorio of the

TSL Foundation were able to procure waterblasters and then work with the Department of Public Safety to water blast the area. Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and his team also offered their water tankers while Eli Cabrera of Parks and Recreation and his team were able to take the water fountains out of the site.

The PDM renovation project is expected to cost at least \$10,000.

When asked about the funding source for their projects, Arriola said this will come from the new hotel occupancy tax. That new law requires 5 percent of the 15 percent to be used for destination enhancement and rejuvenation projects.

## 18 public school teachers resign

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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As of June 25, about 18 public school teachers have already quit their posts, with many planning to move off island, according to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., yesterday.

Sablan said that a few have also volunteered to retire from service.

PSS records show that it has a total of 412 classroom teachers as of May this year. The exodus

of 18 teachers beginning this summer leaves the system with only 394 teachers.

Sablan said that all 18 positions have been posted for announcement and she is optimistic that these will all be filled before the new school year starts in September.

“We already have a pool of individuals that are inquiring about our positions. I know that we have some graduates from the [Northern Marianas College] and some from the mainland who are interested and ex-

cited [about the positions],” she told *Saipan Tribune*.

School year 2013-2014 starts on Sept. 3, 2013.

According to Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, this is also the main reason why the board decided to give its conditional approval for certifications, which will apply to new applicants who are just waiting for some documents such as Federal Bureau of Investigation clearance that usually takes time to be issued.

“Time is of the essence here. We will open our schools on Sept. 3 and we need teachers

to be in place before this date. So the conditional approval of certifications is just for the time being, meaning we will process their application but in the event they don't have a good FBI clearance report, we will revoke this conditional certification,” Guerrero said.

PSS projects a 5-percent increase in its enrollment numbers every year. It currently has over 10,000 enrollees from kindergarten to high school.

Sablan and Guerrero also separately told *Saipan Tribune* that adequate staffing for public schools will heavily depend on

the budget the Legislature will give it for fiscal year 2014.

With 412 teachers at PSS, Sablan said this will mean a status quo in many of the schools that have high student-teacher ratios.

“We need more than 412 teachers...and we are asking the Legislature to restore the 100 FTEs we lost in the last fiscal year and these are mostly hard-to-fill posts in the high school and counseling positions,” Sablan said.

### College-bound

A total of 656 high school students graduated from PSS this

school year.

Of this number, half—or more than 300—will pursue their postsecondary education at the Northern Marianas College in the fall semester, Sablan said.

The rest, she said, will mostly go to other colleges and universities in Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland to pursue four-year degrees. A large number will also join the military, it was learned.

This summer, PSS has 2,010 high school students who will participate in the “credit recovery” summer program designed for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders.



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# Hung jury in 33-year-old cold case means retrial

By AIMEE GREEN  
THE OREGONIAN

A Multnomah County jury couldn't agree Monday on the fate of a man accused of killing a Plaid Pantry convenience store clerk near Portland State University 33 years ago.

A hung jury in a murder case is highly unusual—and that's doubly so in cases based on DNA evidence—often considered particularly credible proof by jurors in criminal proceedings.

In this case, prosecutors argued that DNA on a mask would prove that the Portland defendant was the killer.

Instead, jurors were close to reaching the 10 votes necessary to acquit Antonio Wabol of aggravated murder in the point-blank shooting of Myong Su Cho shortly before midnight on Jan. 18, 1980. The vote was either 8-4 or 9-3 to acquit—the judge and defense attorneys came up with different counts—but the jurors were stuck nonetheless.

Conversely, a guilty verdict requires the agreement of all 12 jurors.

The judge dismissed the jury, and the case will be retried.

Defense attorney Chris Clayhold said he'd never worked on a murder case that resulted in a hung jury in his nearly 22 years as an Oregon lawyer.

The jurors deliberated for nearly two days. Wabol stood calmly as the judge polled them, showing no outward emotion.

Authorities say Cho, 29, moved here from South Korea and was studying to earn his master's degree in engineering at Portland State. He had military training, was a black belt and took his clerk job so seriously that he chased the robber that entered the store almost two blocks, according to prosecutors Chuck Mickley and Tom Cleary.

He was shot at six times. The last bullet, a .38 caliber, killed Cho.

From 12 to 30 Portland police officers scoured the area for the robber that night, but it wasn't until the next day that a passerby found coveralls, a jacket and a gray wool hat in some bushes about three blocks from the store. The hat had been stretched out, and two eyeholes had been cut out.

At the time, police didn't have the technology to identify suspects by DNA, and the case

went cold.

In 2009 or 2010, detectives with Portland's cold-case homicide unit submitted the clothes to the Oregon State Police crime lab. DNA on the mask came back a match to Wabol. His DNA was already in the system because he'd been convicted of repeatedly striking a Washington County man with a hammer. His earliest release date is June 2014.

Despite the DNA evidence, defense attorneys Clayhold and Deborah Burdick argued that there was no reliable proof the clothes were related to the robbery.

None of the witnesses de-

scribed the robber wearing an actual mask, but they were able to offer descriptions about his race, hair length or the possibility of facial hair, Clayhold said in closing arguments.

And the mask had the DNA of five people on it, a lab hired by the defense showed. Wabol's was the only DNA police could connect with a name, and it was minute—amounting to 60 to 70 cells, Clayhold said. A flake of dandruff has 500 to 1,000 cells, he noted.

Clayhold contended that Wabol's DNA could have ended up on the mask in any number of ways.

"My advice to you...is don't

try on other people's clothes," Clayhold told the jurors. "Don't try on that hat at the department store. Don't donate your clothes to Goodwill, unless you're going to bleach them."

But prosecutors contended the DNA and other evidence against Wabol was too strong to acquit him.

Wabol, who was 20 at the time, was a PSU student like Cho and lived a block away from the Plaid Pantry.

Although defense attorneys seized on the fact that no witnesses said the robber wore a mask, two witnesses said the robber had something gray or light blue across his face. Prosecutors said it was likely that the robber ripped off the mask—revealing his face—as he sprinted

from the area so he could see better, breathe easier, and not draw attention.

Wabol also fit the general description offered by witnesses: 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-10, of stocky build. Wabol is 5-foot-8 and was stocky in 1980, investigators said.

Witnesses thought the robber was wearing a blue jacket, possibly nylon and down. A jacket matching that description was found with the mask and coveralls.

And finally, prosecutors called upon the testimony of an acquaintance of Wabol's, who said several years earlier he'd been drinking and told her that he'd killed someone and police were looking for him.

"It's not a perfect case," Mickley, the prosecutor, told jurors. "If it were a perfect case, we wouldn't be going to trial."



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## ASYLUM

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the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications "is going to require legislation" in the U.S. Congress.

This may be through a stand-alone bill or included in another bill that's already moving.

"It's a major issue that would require a lot of effort. It's a serious issue. It's going to be a huge undertaking," he said in an interview after taking part in a joint leadership meeting with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and lawmakers on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

Sablan said that courts that

handle asylum cases could be overwhelmed, and could impact "other programs that we have that are helping us," referring to the existing U.S. visa waiver for Chinese and Russian tourists coming to the CNMI.

Prior to federalization of CNMI immigration, foreigners, mostly those from China, sought "refugee protection" or asylum in the CNMI.

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), chairman of the House Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations, separately said yesterday that there is "more harm" than positive effects if the CNMI government will no longer be

exempted from accepting asylum applicants.

"It could open the floodgates for asylum applicants," Conner told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the CNMI's limited land would be an issue, considering that asylum seekers would need a place to stay.

"Two, we don't know the types of individuals that will be seeking asylum. While the CNMI has a lot of foreigners, mostly [contract] workers, asylum seekers would be different. That is scary. There might be conflicts with the population here. Because of hardships, they might also compete with limited jobs here and deprive residents here of

jobs they need," he added.

In an April 8 letter, Sablan and Inos jointly asked U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to extend the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications beyond Jan. 1, 2014, to deter tourists from claiming asylum when they are admitted to the islands as tourists under the visa waiver program.

The governor and the delegate said that, without a CNMI-specific element in the law, "there would be a significant risk that tourists from China, particularly, admitted under parole authority, would claim asylum."

## NICOLE

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Center festival grounds in Su-supe.

Melody Margaret Johnson came in second place and was bestowed the 2013 Royal Princess title.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Princess title went

to Sina Ha'ani Ulloa Palacios, while Rea-Lei L. Iskawa got the 2<sup>nd</sup> Princess title. Annalyn Jovannah Cabrera rounded out the 2013 Liberation Day Royal Court as 3<sup>rd</sup> Princess.

In all, the five candidates raised a total amount of \$5,784.

"It feels amazing," said Sablan, soon after being crowned the 2013 Liberation Day Queen.

Sablan sold a total of 2,600 tickets. She said that she could not have done it without the support of family, friends, and sponsors. She gave thanks to all who supported her.

The five candidates spent much time together before the coronation night, getting involved in many island activities and Liberation Day-related appearances.

They cited those bonding moments as the most gratifying part of the whole experience.

Sablan said her favorite part was getting to know her fellow candidates.

Johnson expressed the same sentiment, saying her favorite part was getting to meet the other candidates and getting to know them. She described

the experience as "great" and thanked her parents and sponsors for supporting her throughout her candidacy.

The crowning of the 2013 candidates was done by several members of the 2012 Liberation Day Royal Court, which included 2012 Liberation Day Queen Lydee Rose Pangelinan, 2012 Royal Princess Maria Angelica

The CNMI's tourism-based economy has tremendously benefited from the visa waiver program for Chinese and Russian tourists, and is thankful for such program. Lately, the CNMI has been lacking hotel rooms to accommodate an upswing in tourist arrivals.

However, the CNMI is also wary of the negative impacts should those who enter the CNMI through the visa waiver program start applying for asylum some five months from now.

"I hope not, I really hope not," Sablan said yesterday, on whether asylum applicants could potentially halt the visa waiver program.

## FUND

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Lillian Pangelinan.

Pangelinan also told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the Fund's portfolio is currently valued at \$172 million, based on unaudited figures.

Pangelinan said that a total of 1,738 refund applications were filed with the agency.

"We've received about 1,738 applications and anticipate approving all applications to be ready for processing by the August 5 and 6 court hearings," she said.

Enacted last year, Public Law 17-82 allows Fund members to withdraw the full amount of their contributions without separating from the government.

Pangelinan could immediately say the total amount of refunds that would be released but she is convinced that it will not exceed the \$110 million the court earlier set aside for active members.

"The amount set aside by the Superior Court is sufficient to cover the contributions of all active members who have submitted applications pursuant to P.L. 17-82. Checks for contributions withdrawals will be issued when the District Court issues

the order to pay P.L. 17-82 applications. This will likely happen after the August hearings," she said.

As of June 30, 2013, the value of the Fund's portfolio is \$172.2 million, Pangelinan said. This amount is unaudited and includes the \$110 million court-reserved amount for active members.

The portfolio's depletion is blamed on the many years that the central government and other autonomous departments failed to remit employer contributions to the Fund, while still paying for the benefits of members. The Fund pays out over \$70 million in

benefits every year.

Based on a court judgment in 2009, the central government was found owing the Fund over \$271 million—and the amount continues to grow. To date, the Fund has aging collectibles from autonomous agencies totaling \$62 million, representing unremitted contributions.

A tentative class settlement agreement has already been reached by the government and other parties in a action class suit, and the deal has been submitted to a settlement judge for approval.

Parties initially agreed to set aside \$52 million for the pay-

ment of refunds to current government employees who have elected to withdraw from the program.

Of the \$52 million, \$10 million will be paid out after the federal court's preliminary approval of the settlement agreement. The remainder will be paid soon after the final approval of the deal.

Also initially agreed upon is a 25-percent cut in the benefits of retirees.

Meantime, Fund investment consultant Wilshire managing director Maggie Rabovsky, CFA, is hoping that the cooperation of all parties will continue

to help extend the life of the program.

"We are obviously hopeful the spirit of cooperation among all parties will continue, to eventually arrive at a sustainable path for the Fund," she told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday in an email.

Experts have predicted that the Fund, without infusion of new monies, will last only until March 2014. But due to improving cash flow, mainly from the now timely and full payment received from the central government, the Fund's lifespan is now projected to go beyond March 2014.

## LOTTERY

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In the presence of lawmakers and the delegate, Inos signed the POB authorization bill, House Bill 18-50, House Draft 1 into Public Law 18-12.

The new law authorizes the Commonwealth Development Authority to issue pension obligation bonds of up to \$300 million on behalf of the CNMI to pay the government's obligation to the Fund.

Some lawmakers, including Reps. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Roman Benavente (IR-Saipan), and Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan), do not support the 25 percent "deferment or cut" of retirees' pension under a tentative Retirement Fund settlement deal for a host of reasons.

These include negative impacts on those receiving only \$10,000 or less in retirement benefits a year compared to those receiving \$50,000 or more annually, and the revenue-generating bills now already being reviewed to help pump more money to the Fund.

Still, with initial bonds expected by the administration at

only \$70 million to \$100 million, the governor urged members of the 18th Legislature to continue to explore other ways to pump more money into the pension agency.

"This measure will assist the Commonwealth in addressing the liabilities of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund to its retirees by extending the life of the Fund. However, considering the amount of the unfunded liability and most especially the livelihood of the retirees, the Legislature must continue to explore options to provide more funding to the Fund to as to sustain it until the last retiree is compensated," the governor said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, in an interview after the leadership meeting, said, "Right now, we're looking at the range of \$70 million to \$100 million" for the initial bond float, which is still dependent on the CNMI government's credit rating and other factors.

"At this point in time there's still no definite figure as to what it is between that range. With the passage of this bill into law, the governor will now be meeting with CDA and they will look at everything as well as the bonds people..." he said.

The governor will be meeting

with CDA officials on the POB authorization law shortly.

Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), author of the POB authorization bill, said he's most thankful for brothers Sen. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan) and Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) for helping him with the development of the bill, along with the bill's co-authors, members of the House and Senate that supported it, and the governor for signing it into law.

The delegate, for his part, said it was his first time to witness a signing of CNMI law. He said he's thankful for the governor's invitation to participate in the joint leadership meeting.

After witnessing the law signing, the delegate left the meeting for another appointment.

### Video lottery

After signing the POB authorization law, Inos told lawmakers about his administration's proposed establishment of limited video lottery gaming on Saipan.

"Video lottery" refers to a system in which players wager on machines in which winners are chosen based on random selection done by computer.

Senate and House members interviewed raised questions about the administration's proposed video lottery gaming.

Among other things, lawmakers asked whether the video lottery gaming proposal will conflict or complement two House revenue-generating bills that are now under Senate review: the bill on electronic gaming at select hotels and a Saipan casino gambling bill.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) asked if there was a comparative analysis done on the video lottery gaming plan and the electronic gaming bill to see which one will benefit the CNMI the most.

"He asked us to review this and consider it. But obviously we also need to not just consider its merits, but also compare it to the one on the table right now [electronic gaming at hotels]," Deleon Guerrero said in an interview after the meeting at the governor's office.

Demapan said electronic gaming is different from video lottery, but the two can co-exist.

"The governor was very clear today that this is a proposal that the administration would also like to consider. But he also made it clear in there that this proposal is not meant in any way to preempt legislative action on whatever is pending over there," Demapan said.

The press secretary also said that, unlike electronic gam-

ing and the Saipan casino bills, video lottery gaming is now allowed by Commonwealth law and regulations.

"Basically, the plan is four-pronged," Demapan later said.

These are: 1. The government runs the program; 2. A vendor handles security; 3. A vendor handles the games, and; 4. A vendor provides and manages the site.

"The net gaming proceeds will be split four ways," he said.

### Details

Jim Stump, the governor's special counsel, presented the proposed development of the video lottery gaming.

Based on a copy of the development plan, the administration said the use of a lottery authority to establish gaming activities by states is widespread, mainly because of state-controlled gaming and the significant potential for additional government revenues.

Over 30 states offer some form of video lottery gaming activities including Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Delaware, Rhode Island, Louisiana, and Maine.

The administration said that, unlike other gaming activities, video lottery by its nature requires the direct operation by

the state as it is an extension of state authority.

Demapan said a request for proposal is likely to be issued once again.

Previously, the government issued an RFP for the development of video lottery gaming at the former La Fiesta Mall. But due to changes in plans at the times, that project didn't materialize, as proposed by Bridge Capital LLC, which offered to revitalize the La Fiesta Mall and place video lottery terminals as part of the package.

### Other options

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* that the mining of pozzolan on Pagan was also discussed as possible sources of revenue to repay the POB.

Torres was main author of a Senate-adopted resolution that urges the governor and the Department of Public Lands to reinstate JG Sablan's pozzolan mining permit for Pagan after seven years of government lawsuit that he said has not benefited the Commonwealth.

"For JG Sablan to move forward with the pozzolan mining, the lawsuit needs to be vacated... The governor has not decided on it but he said he's looking into it," Torres said.



# Ex-cop acquitted of 3 charges; 7 more for closing arguments

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho acquitted

## 'OAG is serious in investigating, prosecuting white-collar crimes'

The CNMI Office of the Attorney General has beefed up its investigation and prosecution of white-collar crimes with the creation of a task force for this matter.

Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas made this assurance yesterday at the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

"Very recently the Department of Public Safety, the Office of the Public Auditor, and the Attorney General's Office joined forces through a memorandum of agreement in an effort to really investigate and prosecute white-collar crimes," he said.

San Nicolas said the task force's objective is to prosecute those who violate laws in the area of public corruption, fraud, and government waste.

"Investigators from OPA, DPS, and also from AG will come together and review complaints, discuss the facts involved in these complaints, and really bring to the attention of the prosecutor at the AG as to whether or not these complaints should be further investigated and eventually prosecuted."

OPA has designated two legal counsels as special prosecutors for white-collar crimes and OAG chief prosecutor Shelli Neal will have the ultimate say whether a case moves forward or not, according to San Nicolas.

He has also been meeting

former police officer Martin I. Kapileo yesterday of three charges but found enough evidence on seven others for the case to move forward.

regularly with DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero, Corrections Commissioner Ray Mafnas, Customs director Joe Mafnas, and acting Fish and Wildlife director Arnold Palacios in what he calls a law enforcement roundtable.

"We look forward for other agencies to come to the roundtable and talk about law enforcement matters whether they are complaints from the public [or] concerns within these agencies," he told Rotary members.

San Nicolas also talked about the Attorney General's Investigative Division and its elevation from a unit and the OAG's consumer counsel and its recent drive to enforce the Consumer Protection Act.

San Nicolas encourages the public to call his office and report local retailers who sell outdated products on their normal aisles.

"The issue of outdated products is very important to our consumers. Nobody wants to purchase something in the store only to find out that it's expired or outdated. There are requirements under the Act, namely the segregation of outdated products and the reduction of price by up to 50 percent. Should there be a store or establishment that violate we would appreciate any complaints and any information and we will investigate that." (Saipan Tribune)

## Still no peace at riot site in Tanapag?

It seems there is still no peace at a Tanapag compound where a bloody riot between two families occurred last month.

On Thursday, police arrested 49-year-old Lillian Rios Cudiamat for allegedly throwing a rock at her niece.

Cudiamat was taken to Superior Court on Monday on charges of disturbing the peace and contempt of court. She was released on a \$500 unsecured bond.

Police detective Francisco Romeo Iginoef stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a call about a disturbance at a compound in Achugao or Tanapag on Thursday at 6:03pm.

Iginoef said a woman told a responding police officer that her aunt, Cudiamat, threw a rock at her and shouted profanities.

Cudiamat, who had slurred speech and had bloodshot eyes, allegedly admitted throwing a rock but said it did not hit her niece. Cudiamat allegedly said she

was mad because someone blocked the road with roofing tin.

The officer then arrested Cudiamat.

Iginoef said that on June 12, 2013, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo ordered the families involved in the alleged riot to stop bothering each other.

The following day, June 13, Cudiamat was arrested at the Superior Court for allegedly saying

profanities at Emmy Rios right after the hearing.

Cudiamat was processed and then released. She stated she was sorry and promised not to do it again, police said.

The riot occurred on June 1 when a verbal tussle between two men escalated into a beating and rock throwing between two families.

The violence seriously injured Riomano Rios, who was allegedly struck with a metal baseball bat on the forehead.

Police arrested eight persons. (Ferdie de la Torre)

In Kapileo's ongoing bench trial, Camacho granted defense counsel Brien Sers Nicholas' motion for acquittal on the charges of implied consent of operator to submit to test of his breath, operator's license in possession, and reckless driving with bodily injury.

Camacho said there was no testimony of witnesses or evidence presented to support these three charges against the 50-year-old Kapileo.

Camacho, however, denied the motion for acquittal on the remaining seven charges: driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to stop at scene of accident, restriction upon use of government vehicles, drinking alcohol while operating a

vehicle, possession of an open container while operating vehicle, operator to exercise due care, and driving on the right side of highway.

Closing arguments are scheduled at 10am today, Wednesday.

Two other charges against Kapileo have already been dropped: failure to provide information at scene of accident and failure to render assistance at scene of accident.

Assistant attorneys general Nicole Driscoll and Brian Flaherty rested their case late afternoon yesterday after calling in eight witnesses.

San Nicolas did not call any witness.

He argued, among other things, that the police officers failed to do their job in properly

handling the investigation.

Nicholas pointed out that the government's own photos did no corroborate the testimony of its witnesses.

In the government's opposition to the motion, Flaherty cited the testimony of their witnesses, photos, other evidence as well as circumstantial evidence to find Kapileo guilty of all charges beyond reasonable doubt.

In this case, Flaherty said, a police officer was driving a police vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and had his minor son as a passenger.

"We do know that his son was in the vehicle, who asked him, 'Did we hit something?'"

Flaherty said that Kapileo did not hit "something." Rather,

he hit a human being who was walking on the grassy area of the shoulder of the road, carrying her laundry.

"A vehicle hit that woman, your honor!" the prosecutor said, adding that Kapileo did not stop and police officers had to chase him and pull him over at the Quartermaster Road.

Flaherty cited the testimony of several police officers that there was a cold can of beer by the driver's side and 15 empty cans of beer in the bed of Kapileo's truck.

Police said that Kapileo was off duty when the incident happened on the shoulder lane of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in the afternoon of Oct. 27, 2012.

The alleged victim, Mayona S. Bergosa, 52, sustained head injuries on the back of head after the truck's right side mirror hit her.

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## Terms of Hart's contract unchanged

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Northern Marianas College president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., disclosed yesterday that her new employment contract will contain similar terms and provisions as her previous contract.

Hart currently receives \$80,000 per annum on top of an \$800 monthly housing allowance. This salary package will remain unchanged under the new agreement.

The Board of Regents unanimously voted in May to renew Hart's employment contract for two years. Its provisions and terms, however, were subject to negotiation, with the final agreement to be reached before the expiration of her existing contract.

Hart's initial two-year contract will expire tomorrow, July 4. The decision to renew her was made on May 2 pursuant to the 60-day notification clause in the original contract.

Hart said yesterday that maintaining the college's accreditation remains her key priority for the next several months. NMC is currently addressing a show-cause order.

"We continue to engage the whole campus community in

addressing the accreditation issues that were raised by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. We are also being proactive and strategic, and we are doing everything that we possibly can to ensure that this institution continues to play a central role in educating students and in meeting workforce needs," said Hart.

NMC is required to submit a report to the accrediting commission on Oct. 15, outlining the steps it has taken to resolve previously identified concerns.

According to Hart, NMC plays an important role in the local economy so it's in the CNMI's best interest that the college continues to remain accredited.

"The college is an economic engine for growth and development. Research clearly shows that the more educated a state or U.S. territory is, the stronger that economy becomes," she added.

Another key priority for Hart in the next several months is to ensure that salaries of NMC staff and faculty remain competitive, and that NMC remains one of the best organizations to work for.

"One of our other key priorities is the enhancement of our technology resources and the

launch of a student information management system which would pave the way for online registration," she added.

### Hands-off

In a separate interview, Gov. Eloy S. Inos told *Saipan Tribune* that he remains hands-off on the affairs and operation of the college's Board of Regents, despite being its appointing authority.

"All I want is for the board to focus on the college and the students. My main goal is to see NMC survive the accreditation, get out of show-cause status, and move up to the next level. I know there are sentiments about personal views and so forth... all I ask is for everyone to set aside their personal differences and work together to ensure that the college maintains its accreditation," Inos said.

Inos said he wants to maintain the level of independence of the college in all aspects of its operation. He assured his administration's continued support of the institution and its students.

Inos recently re-appointed William Torres and Frank Rabauliman to the board for another four-year term each. Their terms expired last month.

As for the ongoing investigation by the Office of Public Auditor at the college, Inos said he is interested to see the findings once they are made available.



Hart

## 2013-2014 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System FNS Office

### PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2013-2014 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.00 at elementary schools and \$2.50 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$3.10 at elementary schools and \$3.65 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at [http://www.cnmipss.org/?page\\_id=213](http://www.cnmipss.org/?page_id=213).

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office. If *any* student listed does not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying income verification documents.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the FNS office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

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Application for Free School Meals—CNMI Public School System—Food and Nutrition Services

Part 1: List each Student's name and information. List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable.

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth (Month / Day / Year)	Grade (K-12)	School Name	Food Stamp # (If applicable)	SSI or other income to child (If applicable)
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							

Part 2: List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in Part 1. Report all current income received last month. Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.

Names of All Household Members (do not include students listed in Part 1)		Check stub # (attach stub)	Household Gross Income (For each household member, list each kind of income and how often it is received: weekly, bi-weekly (every 2 weeks), twice per month, monthly. If the person receives no income, place a check in the box next to the person's name.)	Wages and salaries from all jobs	Pension, SS, Retirement, Social Security	Any other income		
Last Name	First Name							
1.			\$	per	\$	per	\$	per
2.			\$	per	\$	per	\$	per
3.			\$	per	\$	per	\$	per
4.			\$	per	\$	per	\$	per
5.			\$	per	\$	per	\$	per

Part 3: Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I certify that I have listed all persons living in our household. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of federal funds, that PSS officials may verify (check) the information on the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable Commonwealth or Federal laws and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (if none, write "none"): \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Categorical Eligibility: NAP \_\_\_\_\_ Income \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary until: \_\_\_\_\_ DYS \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33 Bi-weekly x 2.15 Twice a month x 2 Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Determining Official: FNS Administrator, \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2013

List the names and info of each child attending school.

List the names of all other members of the household and any income.

One of the legal guardians listed in Part 2 must sign and date the form.

2013-2014 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 14,937	\$ 1,245	\$ 623	\$ 575	\$ 288
2	20,163	1,681	841	776	388
3	25,389	2,116	1,058	977	489
4	30,615	2,552	1,276	1,178	589
5	35,841	2,987	1,494	1,379	690
6	41,067	3,423	1,712	1,580	790
7	46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891
8	51,519	4,294	2,147	1,982	991
Add'l member, Add.....	+ 5,226	+ 436	+ 218	+ 201	+ 101

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children determined eligible for free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 3, 2013. **To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 20, 2013.**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042



## Man indicted for alleged try to enter NMI using fake identity

A Chinese national who allegedly tried to sneak into the CNMI using an alias to hide a lengthy criminal history in the U.S. mainland was indicted Monday in federal court.

Shou Wen Zheng, 44, was charged with one count of attempted re-entry of a removed alien.

According to the indictment, Zheng tried to enter the United

States on or about June 26, 2013, without the consent of the attorney general or his designated successor, the Department of Homeland Security secretary.

Zheng allegedly made the attempt despite having been deported already from the United States on April 16, 1998.

Zheng also allegedly did not obtain consent to re-apply for admission to the United States.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's fingerprint identification system led to Zheng's arrest Wednesday last week after a fingerprint

scan at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection revealed that the man wanting to enter Saipan using a passport under the name of "Wenqiang Jiang" was actually Zheng, who has a lengthy criminal history and had been deported from the United States twice.

A deportation officer with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency arrested

Zheng soon after U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a warrant for his arrest.

Manglona issued the warrant after ICE filed a criminal complaint charging Zheng with attempted re-entry of a removed alien.

A detention hearing for Zheng is scheduled today, July 3, at 10am. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Mobile PH consular services on Tinian

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam will be holding mobile consular services on Tinian next month at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

The mobile outreach will be held from Aug. 3 to 5 at the hotel's Tinian Hall and, according to United Filipinos Association on Tinian president Rodney S. Cabarles, the consular team from Guam will bring their equipment to process passport applications and renewals.

"Traveling to Guam just to process passport renewals is really a challenge for most Filipino nationals on Tinian. Mobile consular outreach is not expected to happen frequently. I urge everyone to take advantage of this visit," said Cabarles.

In order to facilitate the express processing of ePassport applications, applicants are requested to email scanned copies of all requirements to the tinian.pcgagana@gmail.com. The advance submission of required documents will be entertained until Friday, July 5, 2013.

"Applicants are advised to ensure that all items in the application form are answered ful-

ly and completely and that the contact numbers are provided therein, as they will be informed of their schedule for biometric capturing," a statement from the Guam consulate added.

Acknowledgment of receipt of application will be sent once the application is encoded in the consulate's ePassport system.

The consulate also requested applicants to wait for their acknowledgment receipt and check the list of pre-processed applications and their corresponding date/time slot for consular services, which will be posted in the consulate's website and Facebook account on or before July 30, 2013.

Aside from ePassport processing, Cabarles said the consular team will also conduct civil registry and notarial services next month.

For more information about the mobile consular outreach on Tinian, call the Philippine Consulate General in Guam at 682-2222 (toll free). Locally, you may contact Cabarles at 285-3637 or Jim Casauran at the Tinian Dynasty human resources department. *(Saipan Tribune)*

## Ayuyu, US govt yet to reach plea deal

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Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) did not enter a plea yesterday in federal court as he and the U.S. government have yet to reach a "global plea agreement" that will resolve his three criminal cases without having to go to trial.

Attorney David J. Lujan, counsel for Ayuyu in two crimi-

nal cases, told U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday that he submitted a draft of their counter-proposal Monday night to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe acknowledged receiving the documents.

Ayuyu's lawyer in one criminal case, Bruce Berline, stated that he has yet to open his email.

Lujan and Berline both appeared at the hearing via telephonic conference.

It is still possible that the parties will enter a plea bargain in the next few days.

If they fail to reach a plea deal, Lujan said they are ready to proceed with the trial.

Lujan asked the court to just consolidate the three cases and hold a joint trial. The prosecution did not object.

Manglona granted Lujan's motion and vacated the July 23,

2013, trial in one case, setting instead the trial in all three cases for July 29, 2013.

The senator is facing three criminal charges—the fruit bat case, obstruction of justice case, and the cell phone use.

Ayuyu, 48, has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012. His trials have been moved several times.

The parties recently informed the court that they were discussing a global plea agreement that will resolve the three cases without a trial.



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## IFC-Posse in action

October 2012 - June 2013

### Independents Futbol Club receives funding from Project Brabu

The Independents Futbol Club or IFC received a sub grant from the Project Brabu to spread awareness about preventing underage drinking and drinking & driving to others in our community. This funding comes from the Strategic Planning Framework – State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The project entitled IFC-Posse targets youth and young adults ages 14-24, promoting alternatives to drinking through soccer, in all its forms.

The sub grant award for roughly \$13,000 will be used to fulfill three objectives; 1) Provide safe and positive alternatives to underage drinking and drunk driving, 2) **Promote the prevention of underage drinking and drinking & driving in our community**, and 3) Collect baseline data on the perceptions, reflections, and efficacy on preventing underage drinking/drunk driving.

The project motto: You don't need alcohol to play Futbol.

### A clean island is a happy island

Following the completion of the fall Futsal season, on December 15 2013, IFC-Posse players gathered to celebrate at one of Saipan's gorgeous beaches. Prior to festivities, the Posse took time to clean the beach and clear a space for soccer and other recreational activities. Also in attendance were the spouses, siblings, friends and parents of the Posse players. Another successful day of hanging out with family and friends, while staying alcohol free.



### IFC raises funds through MVA/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Clean-ups

The Independents were at it again, cleaning our Saipan beaches and roadsides to beautify our community. IFC joined the Cash for Trash program through the Marianas Visitor Authority & Saipan Chamber of Commerce. Funds generated from the clean up went to assist in paying club dues and the IFC Women's team league fees. Joining the Women in the activity were the players from IFC-Men and the IFC-Posse. Beach Clean ups were held on Mar 16 & June 15, cleaning the beaches south of World Resort to PakPak, and a roadside clean up on April 20th on Garapan Street. The group devoted four hours of their time, in which some were credited as community service hours. 13 year old David stated, "I like helping clean our island, but I wish people would stop littering and maybe recycle their cans."





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## 500-plus Pacific educators to converge in the CNMI in July

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REPORTER

Over 500 educators from the Pacific region are expected to converge on the island this month for the Annual Pacific Educational Conference, one of the largest educational conferences in the Western Pacific and a major source of professional development opportunities for educators.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., told *Saipan Tribune* that 569 individuals have so far registered for the four-day event, slated for July 16 through 19 at Marianas High School.

Delegates from American Samoa, the CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau, as well as educational representatives from other Pacific countries and the United States are expected to attend.

According to Sablan, the conference will feature 110 presentations and will cover breakout sessions and other activities.

The Public School System, as this year's event host, has created several committees that will ensure a successful and smooth conference.

"We have committees working on the logistics to make sure car rentals [and] accommodations are ready for our guests," she said.

An onsite registration is scheduled at the MHS campus on July 16, from 8am through 4pm.

On their first day, guests will be treated to an island tour that may cover not only historical sites but public school classrooms as well. This is slated for 10am while the welcoming reception is slated for 6pm on the same day.

On the first day of the conference itself, the keynote speaker is Dr. Tim Waters, chief executive officer of the nation's top education think-tank, Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning.

Dr. Mark Elgart, the CEO of the globally recognized accreditation consortium AdvancED, will keynote the second day, while Dr. Tim Boals will take center stage on Day 3. Boals is the CEO of World-Class Instruction Design and Assessment.

There will also be presentation and messages from other guests, including Joe Willhoft, executive director of the Smarter Balanced Assessment consortium; and Rebecca Mieliwocki, the national winner of the 2012 Teacher of the Year award.

According to Sablan, they also expect the participation of 20 students from Guam, together with students from Tinian and Rota.

Meantime, Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero disclosed plans to arrange a meeting with education board members from Guam during the conference. The objective, he said, is to have meaningful exchanges with their counterparts from the neighboring island.

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 3, 2005

#### Legislature OKs nursing scholarship

The Senate has approved a bill creating a scholarship program for nursing students in efforts to attract more local citizens into the profession and solve the current shortage of nursing staff at the Commonwealth Health Center. The Senate passed House Bill 14-221, which grants up to \$12,000 a year for four years to eligible nursing students. "There is a need to create a scholarship program to encourage more CNMI students to become nurses. Individuals in this field are necessary to efficiently and effectively operate the CHC and other private medical clinics," the bill, authored by Rep. David Apatang, said.

#### Three re-nominated to commissions

Gov. Juan N. Babauta has renominated three commissioners-Norman T. Tenorio to the Commonwealth Telecommunications and Elizabeth DLG. Aldan and Frances M. Sablan to the Commonwealth Election Commission. Tenorio currently serves as chair of the CTC, which recently approved the sale of Verizon to Pacific Telecommunications Inc. Sablan and Aldan were re-nominated to serve as election commissioners, representing Saipan. The governor, in his recent communication to the Senate, said the three commissioners "are qualified and will be an asset" to the public entities. If confirmed, the appointees would serve a term of four years each.

July 3, 2006

#### RP'S Napocor, private firm offer gensets to CUC

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has received offers of free power generators from a Philippine government agency and a private company based in the country. Acting CUC executive director Tony Guerrero said that the Philippines' National Power Corp. has offered to "hand over" four to five engines to CUC if the Commonwealth would pay for the shipping costs. In addition, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said that Prime Asia Group had made a similar offer to the Commonwealth. Guerrero said that CUC is considering the proposal, but is also worried about the huge cost of bringing the engines to the CNMI.

#### Beautify CNMI plants 11 more flame trees

The Beautify CNMI's subcommittee on restoration, with the help of Filipino organization MOVER, plus some government agencies and volunteers, planted 11 more flame trees along Beach Road in Garapan yesterday morning. There are now a total of 22 newly planted flame trees between Garapan Fishing Base and Gold Beach Hotel along Beach Road since the subcommittee on restoration kicked off its tree planting project on June 19, 2006. Rep. Cinta Kaipat, Marianas Resource Conservation Development Council coral reef public involvement coordinator Angelo Villagomez, restoration subcommittee member Carl Brachear, and Division of Environmental Quality waste reduction & recycling coordinator Tina Sablan led the tree planting.

July 3, 2007

#### Expect higher power bill in July

Here's another bad news for businesses and residential customers: This month's electric fuel rate is 22.3 cents per kilowatt-hour-the highest rate the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be implementing since the agency adopted the new power rates in July 2006. The second highest fuel rate was 22.2 cents kWh, which occurred in May 2007. Last month's rate at 22.1 cents kWh was the third highest. Mathis said the July 2007 rates represent projected increases for fuel and lube oils, based on latest data from Mobil Oil.

#### DC lobbyist contract to be renewed

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday said he would sign a new contract with the CNMI government federalization consultant. Fitial said he was satisfied with the work done by Oldaker, Biden & Belair, whose initial six-month contract will expire on Monday, July 9, 2007. The six-month renewal deal will carry the same price tag as the first one-\$15,000 a month, plus approved expenses. "I would like to keep them until all of our federal issues are resolved," Fitial said. According to the consulting contract, the Governor's Office hired the D.C.-based Oldaker, Biden & Belair to "make its best effort to assist the Commonwealth in developing and executing government relations plans."



## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

### Office of the Executive Director

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### CUC-IFB-13-021

#### CONSTRUCTION OF 300K GALLON TANK REPLACEMENT FOR PAPAGO TANK

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of a 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.**

The selected firm shall have experience in construction and design of pre-stressed concrete and or welded steel water storage tanks. The work consists of demolition of the existing glass-fused, steel bolted 0.50 million gallon tank and its foundation; construction of the new 300K gallon tank as per approved design, foundation, tank appurtenances, and yard piping and connections.

The project is to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of contract award.

The Bid Tender Documents may be secured, upon receipt of payment by the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card of \$100.00. The payment is non-refundable. The payment receipt shall be presented to the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Safety & Compliance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 14, Joeten Dandan, Commercial Building.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Invitation for Bids and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-021, Construction of 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 6, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Insufficient copies of bid submitted can be subject to technical default and rejection of bid.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. For the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract, the Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurer questions, concerns and qualification shall be governed by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Section 002113 - Instructions to Bidders.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater, Chief Engineer via email [john.riegel@cucgov.org](mailto:john.riegel@cucgov.org) & Christi Lazaro, Water Division Assistant Engineer via email [Christi.Lazaro@cucgov.org](mailto:Christi.Lazaro@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth utilities Corporation.

ALAN FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director





# High Court temporarily stays criminal proceedings

The CNMI Supreme Court recently stayed several criminal cases and ordered the trial court to hold a hearing on whether the Office of the Attorney General should remain disqualified from the cases in response to a trial court order both blocking

the OAG from prosecuting the cases and appointing a special prosecutor.

At issue were three questions: (1) whether the trial court could disqualify the OAG and assign a special prosecutor to try a criminal case; and, if so, (2) whether

the trial court needed to give the OAG notice and an opportunity to respond before the disqualification; and (3) whether the trial court had adequate grounds to disqualify the OAG.

In its opinion, the High Court found that under limited circum-

stances the trial court has the authority to disqualify the OAG and appoint a special prosecutor. In finding that, the Supreme Court noted the Constitution provided limits to the OAG's prosecution power, which statutes and case law further clarified. The Constitution empowers the Office of the Public Auditor to investigate the OAG and gives the Judiciary inherent

authority to exercise its duties, which includes the authority necessary to pursue a just result. In some cases that includes disqualifying the OAG and appointing a special prosecutor.

After holding the trial court could disqualify the OAG under certain circumstances, the Supreme Court declined to decide the final two issues. It declined to decide whether the

disqualification order violated due process because the OPA conceded that the trial court violated due process. And it declined to decide whether the trial court had adequate grounds for the disqualification because the trial court record was too incomplete.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is In re Joey P. San Nicolas, 2013 MP 8, and can be found at: <http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme13.html>. (NMI Judiciary)

## Tickets still available for Eclectic Concert on Friday

Tickets are still available for the Northern Marianas College Proa Music Society's annual "Eclectic Concert" on Friday, July 5, 2013, at the Round House in Garapan Central Park.

The concert, from 5pm to 11pm, will highlight singing, dancing and instrumental performances by members of the Proa Music Society. The dance performances include classical, contemporary hip hop, and cultural influences. In addition, the concert will feature a variety of mash-ups of different genres of music.

The club aims to foster an appreciation of music or inspire

an interest in music within the community through this event by way of showcasing different genres and styles of music.

"Members of this club are inspired by music; we make music together in a way that we portray ourselves, our culture, and our lifestyles," said the club's vice president, Aaron Cabrera. "People of the CNMI have broad musical tastes and we try to put that all on stage every year."

NMC's Proa Music Society is a student organization dedicated to cultivating students' vocal, instrumental and dance talents. The funds collected from the concert will help

the club acquire tools and instruments along with finding a potential rehearsal area for the club.

Ticket prices for children ages 12 and under is \$5, adults are \$10 and couples are \$15. Tickets may be purchased at the NMC Bookstore in Building E during regular business hours, by contacting either the NMC Student Center at 234-5498 Ext. 1251 or Proa Music Society event coordinator Valerie Naputi at 233-6785/483-2263 and/or through email [valerienaputi@yahoo.com](mailto:valerienaputi@yahoo.com).

For more information, contact Naputi at 233-6785/483-2263 or email [valerienaputi@yahoo.com](mailto:valerienaputi@yahoo.com). (NMC)

## USS Momsen officers, crew to join LibDay festivities

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS *Momsen* will be coming to port on Saipan to celebrate the week of Liberation Day festivities alongside the CNMI community.

The commanding officer of the ship is Commander Elaine A. Collins, who commands the ship along with her executive officer, Lt. Commander Gonzales, and her Command Master Chief, Command MC McFad-

den—all of whom will be participating in the Liberation Day Parade on July 4, 2013.

Additionally, the crew of the USS *Momsen* will be marching alongside the various participants in the parade. This is an exciting addition as the crew of the USS *Momsen* participates with the CNMI community as it celebrates 68 years of freedom on July 4, 2013, to mark the June 15, 1945, opening of the gates of Camp

Susupe, where most of Saipan's residents were held after the end of World War II.

On July 5, 2013, the crew of the USS *Momsen*, in coordination with the Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Mayor's Office, and the Military Integration Management Committee Office, will volunteer their time to rehabilitate the Sugar King train and clean the surrounding grounds starting at 8:30am. (PR)

## DEQ brigade sets Makaka Beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Makaka Beach this Saturday, July 6, 2013, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Makaka Beach parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

Last month's Obyan Beach cleanup had 21 volunteers: students from GTC Elementary, CK Head

Start, Hopwood Jr. High, Saipan Southern High, staff from PSS, CJDA, and others. About 300 lbs of trash was removed from the

beach and properly disposed of. For more information about volunteering, contact DEQ at 664-8500/1. (PR)

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 3rd birthday to my daughter, Haylee Marie Cruz Aguon! May God bless you with many more birthdays to come! I'm so glad you were born, because you brighten my life and fill it with joy! I love you, my princess! With love, Mom Ashlee and Jacob. Greetings also come from Nino and Nina Juan and Julenne, who pray that God will give you His love and warmth every step of the way.



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## How is your baby growing?

If your child displays any of the following signs of possible developmental delay, talk to your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider about it:

## Developmental Health Watch 2 Years (24 Months) to 3 Years (36 Months)

- Frequent falling and difficulty with stairs
- Persistent drooling or very unclear speech
- Cannot build a tower of more than four blocks
- Difficulty manipulating small objects
- Cannot copy a circle by age 3
- Cannot communicate in short phrases
- No involvement in "pretend" play
- Does not understand simple instructions
- Little interest in other children
- Extreme difficulty separating from mother or primary caregiver
- Poor eye contact
- Limited interest in toys
- Experiences a dramatic loss of skills he or she once had

## Learn the Signs. Act Early.

You may also contact the **Children's Developmental Assistance Center (C\*DAC)** at

**664-4830**

for a **FREE** developmental screening!

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RFP13-GOV-137**

**Architectural & Engineering Design Services for the Tinian Transfer Station**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Office, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Tinian Transfer Station, San Jose Village, Tinian MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-305.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on June 25, 2013 at the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be presented when obtaining the package. A Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled on at the Governor's Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan on July 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Governor's Conference Room. The project completion time for this project is 150 calendar days. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager at fax no. (670) 664-2408 or via email at [balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com](mailto:balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com) no later than Thursday, July 18, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposals shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot submit as a subconsultant on another proposal. However, subconsultants may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)

Proposals must be sealed and marked by July 25, 2013. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than July 25, 2013. Proposals located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitted an Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 4:30 p.m., July 25, 2013, local time, and may be submitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than July 25, 2013 AND must be received no later than August 2, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
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### EDITORIAL

## Losing the moral high ground

**T**he longer former National Security Agency contract employee Edward Snowden stays holed up in the transit area of Moscow's Sheremetyevo International Airport while Russian President Vladimir Putin cynically proclaims him a martyr to freedom of speech and expression, the less Mr. Snowden looks like a hero and the more he looks like a traitor, a spy, and a rogue employee intent on betraying his country's secrets for the self-aggrandizing rewards of fleeting celebrity. Whatever pretense he once may have had of occupying the moral high ground of principled civil disobedience has evaporated.

Whether Americans believe that or not, the news that the NSA was secretly tracking the phone records, emails, and Internet use of millions of innocent Americans dominated the news cycle for nearly a week. But then the focus rapidly shifted to Mr. Snowden's motives in outing the program. Initially he claimed that he wanted to spark a national debate over the government's unwarranted intrusions into the private lives of Americans and that he leaked the material because of his belief that Americans should know what the government was doing in their name.

Mr. Snowden justified his violation of the espionage laws as an act of civil disobedience against what he called his government's unlawful activities and added that he was willing to face the consequences of sticking to his principles. When American authorities asked Hong Kong authorities to hold him for extradition, Mr. Snowden forgot about facing the consequences and fled to Moscow instead.

That set off a diplomatic contretemps between the U.S. and China, which allowed Mr. Edwards to leave Hong Kong unmolested, as well as the Russians, who insist, absurdly, that since Mr. Snowden remains in the airport's transit area he technically isn't in their country at all and therefore can't be arrested. Mr. Snowden's ultimate destination is thought to be Cuba or Ecuador.

Since neither China or Russia—nor Ecuador, for that matter—are known for their tolerance of free speech and expression among their own citizens, the irony of their pious defense of Mr. Snowden from persecution in the U.S. is especially galling. The truth is the former NSA worker handed them a golden opportunity to stick it to the U.S., and they gleefully pounced on it.

Thus what began as a purported attempt to spark a broad public dialogue about the legality and extent of U.S. surveillance programs has ended up as a higher stakes version of "The Amazing Race" with Mr. Snowden as the star. The four laptop computers full of American secrets Mr. Snowden is said to be carrying have become mere props in a bad drama that milks a legitimate issue regarding the tension between government's violation of privacy rights and its duty to protect citizens from terrorist attack for its last drop of entertainment value.

Suddenly the whole show is all about Mr. Snowden, and one begins to suspect that was what he wanted all along.

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THANKS TO THE SUPREME COURT, THE LONE RANGER LEARNS THAT "KEMOSABE" MEANS "BEEFCAKE HUBBY."

## Gaokao and Hukuo

**B**eing in a university setting, the two Chinese words in our title affects the students we deal with, more than 200 of them per semester.

Some rowdy kids on the train to Chengdu just sat through the *Gaokao*, the National College Entrance Exam, China's SAT in a pressure cooker. Administered in June, the test gauges academic ratings of high school graduates to determine what courses they may be invited to take at a university. Not unlike the assessment tests in Japan and Korea where the result determines a child's future, it is also a direct cause of young people's despair in all three countries, sometimes leading to suicide when a student's hope for his family's future is dashed.

The teeners on the train were successful first tier passers, which means they can choose the career they will pursue. They were celebrating.

Until 10 years ago, only 20 percent of high school graduates made it to the university. Last year, 62 percent were accepted to higher institutions of learning. Students do not always get the major they want to pursue, but at least their chances of going to an institution of higher learning has increased. Six million of them graduated this year. My university catches the second tier passers.

The obvious reason for the increase in college level enrollment and the expansion of higher learning capacities is not unlike the beginnings of the land grant colleges in the United States. An industrializing country attracts the eager young looking for work from the countryside to the city. However, there are not enough jobs to go around, so the university becomes an option to delay the entry of available labor into the workforce.

I had one class in Oral English of graduate students this semester, 54 of them pursuing a master's level program. They returned to the university to pursue higher degrees in the hope that their chances at employment will be heightened. All have either delayed marriage or are underemployed. In any case, they are back in school in the hope of bettering their chances in the workforce.

It would not surprise me if most of them were part of the qualified crowd of 1.5 million test-takers in last year's civil service exam. Government jobs, compared to those in the private sector, are considered "golden rice bowl jobs" with a low attrition rate. There are 20,000 government job openings this year, an increase of 30 percent from last year. The ratio is one job for every 90 properly certificated test-takers.

Chinese education is loosening up its vaunted rote memory, practice, and long study hour system, celebrated in 2011 by Yale's Amy Chua's *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*. This year, universities are allowed to choose 5 percent of their entrants from school principals' recommendations as opposed to just relying on the *gaokao* results. In some places, the *gaokao* involves two tests: a standard multiple-choice format and another, a written one to test creativity and critical thinking.

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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As a foreign teacher of liberal arts background, we are easily on the side of innovation without losing the gift of disciplined memory work. Our classes explicitly aim for self-reliance and self-confidence of students in their learning. We enable access to resources and demonstrate methods on how to be self-sustaining in the learning process.

*Hukuo* is China's national registration system, identifying one's birthplace. Policies on public welfare have not adjusted to the rapid change in demographics. Half of China's population lives in urban centers, but only 35 percent are officially recognized to be so. Services are still determined by the origin of one's birth. Countryside *hukou* carrying urban high school students must return to their birth of record to take the *gaokao*. Since provinces administer the *gaokao*, opportunities are more equal to some than others. We understand the *hukuo* glitch is part of the reform agenda of the CPC.

We taught early grade students this past year, getting children to listen and repeat rather than just read and write. "Seeing" is necessary in *Zhongwen* (Chinese language) where pictographs and ideograms are the basis of the characters. Students look at them first, and then apply four different tones on similar-sounding syllables to arrive at meaning.

Learners when presented a picture of a "watermelon" will immediately call it "*xi gua*" although they have heard of the English name before. It is because English teaching is always accompanied by immediate translation, making a learner remember the Chinese word rather than the English.

English is basically phonetic. I do not speak Chinese so I do not have the urge to translate; my students train their ears to listen and repeat words they hear so that their ears get familiar with English sounds. Meaning comes as a third step. Got a boy and two girls on the train ride to Chengdu hanging out of my berth practicing their English!

Education in the global village is no longer just passing standardized entrance exams to train persons to staff our employment lines and perform repetitive functions. The more urgent lesson is not how to be an efficient worker but how to be an effective self-conscious human.

The *gaokao* and the *hukuo* are requiring urgent attention. Meanwhile, we keep teaching.



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## A reflection on freedom

**T**omorrow's Independence Day (Liberation) marks 237 years since the founding of our country, 68 years after the dust of the hostilities of war settled down on these isles, and 35 years since we became a permanent part of the U.S. of A.

Indeed, the day would be filled with festive gatherings from barbecue at the beach or parade site to exploring the ground in Susupe or heading to the farm for quiet family gatherings.

I know that even on the day when I'm supposed to be free from my laptop, the term "freedom" would keep sneaking in and out of my mind until it's put to rest in what you're reading now.

Perhaps the most fundamental query on this day is: Where are we in terms of a realistic definition of freedom? Have we benefited, as envisioned under the Covenant Agreement, from a "progressively higher standard of living?" Or did it skid gradually into the regressive level of subterranean poverty? Is this failure solely ours or is it shared with Uncle Sam? Does it matter how this relationship has deteriorated over the last 35 years?

Many have the illusion that attaining a political relationship with the feds under the Agreement that our choice as a form of governance is adequate proof of our self-determination. Is it? I say it's illusory in various respects. For instance, some 52 percent of our people are earning federal level poverty income. Many are on food stamps and Medicaid. Otherwise, we'd be stealing from each other daily or selling broken pencils between Microl and the American Memorial Park. This figure defies the claim of self-determination, not when 52 percent fall below the poverty income level. It makes economic freedom furthest from our reach, doesn't it?

Perhaps we should let the political maturation process take full growth while we wait for more of our scholars to return home. Beyond our latitude strangled in listless economic freedom, self-government turns hollow, even farcical. It is freedom we all must strive for. "It is freedom that permits us to grow toward our potential, taking us from stages of capacity building to eventually creating our own inner steam. Strong self-rule is a natural parallel progression, a fruit of freedom."

Freedom may be a bit too cumbersome for some folks, often couched in "the words and concepts of self-determination and self-reliance." But it is too big a word that "initially needs definition through levels of self-determination and stages of self-reliance." "When we have the capacity to choose our paths, when we have the capacity to walk our paths on our own, we say that we now have freedom." It takes proactive participation to get from point A to B. Let *mañana* sail alone into the sunset.

### Fitial's impotence and incompetence

The road to a more meaningful freedom was soundly derailed when the CNMI—through impeached former governor Benigno R. Fitial—trashed the 902 talks, the vehicle for policy and relationship refinement with the feds. We could have sought timely aid as the archipelago worked to strengthen its economic foundation in order to secure true self-government.

Be that as it may, let this day be one of self-reflection to reset our buttons with stronger resolve to secure greater economic freedom. We owe it to our children. I am confident the feds are also listening to our troubled sighs and would ably accommodate the request to re-establish the 902 talks. It's time to foster synergistic working relationships to exit the mess wrought by the former governor and others who have opted to "make the world go away" as the fattest ostrich along the shore.

Let's work on a new "same game"—synergistic working relationship and partnership—over the usually fruitless "blame game."

Fitial has left us in abject poverty with failed policies, do-nothing or casual behavior and rudderless disposition. His only focus was expensive steak, lobster, and fine red wine. Well, he would soon be eating everything, including the deathly karma of the multitude.

Despicably inexcusable how Fitial has routed our people into ruination donning the crown of a rogue governor whose legacy shines in the trembling halo of impotence and incompetence.

### Charting a different path

As difficult the effects of the economic disaster are at home, it takes courage listening to the muted voices of the simple folks in the vil-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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lages. It's inaudible in that the hardship is written on their faces. Something's got to give beyond subterranean mediocrity (lack of leadership) and miseries wrought by abject poverty (direct result of failed leadership).

It's unbelievable that 52 percent of employees fall within the threshold of the federal definition of poverty income level. It boggles the mind how they juggle meager incomes to navigate the prohibitive cost of utilities, basic family needs, first family home, family car, health insurance, etc. Most are probably under Medicaid to cover healthcare cost. Those immediately above the threshold are hardest hit for obvious reasons.

The impending 25-percent cut in retirement pension would drive many to the edge of an already difficult financial situation. Is Smiling Smurf anywhere near these isles? He and "cabal" masterminded the \$371 million owed the Fund by the administration. He routed the economic freedom of posterity by trashing the 902 talks then employed his disappearing act, hiding somewhere in his palatial abode in Manila.

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Former House speaker "Mitch" Pangelinan was a visionary and a powerful icon that fought long and hard for economic prosperity. We made it to the level playing field of economic opportunities in the mid-'80s. How sad that during his sunset years the archipelago is drowning in the filthy swamp of abject poverty. This wasn't his vision and those of his political equals who marched together to improve the lot of our people. He and his peers did it! Can you say the same of your performance?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Liberation or independence?

This July 4, when we gather in Susupe to celebrate our "liberation" from Japanese administration by the United States, Americans all over the world will be celebrating their "independence" from the tyrannical rule of the British Empire. For most of us in the CNMI, this day has become symbolic in nature only as the terms "liberation" and "independence" lack real relevance for us and the events in our history. It has become just another day to enjoy a typical island-style party, nothing synonymous with politics or history.

For the record, Spain, Germany, Japan, and the U.S. have never really had a vested interest in the Marianas Archipelago other than for geopolitical purposes. As a result of Spanish discovery, the islands and its Chamorro and Carolinian inhabitants long ago lost their autonomy, their choices, and to a certain degree, their freedom, as Spain and subsequent administrations and rulers took their toll on the Marianas and its people.

The Chamorros came 4,500 to 5,000 years ago in what is depicted as the longest open ocean migration in history when they sailed 1,300 miles of waters to the Marianas where they remained in isolation until 1521. The Carolinians, in spite of their celestial navigation-aided journeys throughout Micronesia, were not officially recognized until 1815 per Spanish records. This perhaps accounts for the existence of separate Indigenous Affairs and Carolinian Affairs offices in our government. Go figure.

Officially, we are U.S. citizens and we have paid a heavy price

for that. Unofficially, we are and have long been being subjects of countries who could not care less about our welfare other than as agreed upon as part of a bargain or, in the case of World War II, a war trophy. The term "liberation" does not really apply to us as we have never been liberated—just passed on from one nation to another, as had been the case for the last 400-some years.

To fully understand why we are so laidback requires that we dissect our culture and the events that have impacted us as a people. For example, the Chamorro movement and the resurgence of local pride in culture, customs, and traditions in Guam have not had any success in the CNMI, perhaps because of the close-knit Chamorro/Carolinian communities on Saipan, the idea of being different and standing up proudly for that matter never took off. We remained relaxed, kicked-back, BBQ, *manana-manana*.

And, as a result, we are who we are today. We do not really raise our voice, we do not scream. We play spectator to most events, local and around the world, never really making a fuss, keeping low profiles, and enjoying it that way.

The slow, uneventful death of our economy has been directly affected and effected in many ways by measures we could have controlled. But we chose not to. When we gave sovereignty over our affairs and eminent domain power over our lands to the U.S. in 1975, we did that willingly. When we lost our 200-mile exclusive economic zone and our submerged lands, only the smallest ripples of concern emerged. Federalization of our immigration under the

Consolidated Natural Resources Act and creation of the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument, which took 95,216 square miles of our submerged lands and waters, raised a few eyebrows and generated little Internet chatter, then everyone went back to *cerveza* at the beach. WHY?

The document that established the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands consists of a contract, willfully negotiated and signed by two partners in a unique political union, the United States and the NMI. They both agreed that these islands are not owned by the U.S. and in spite of the sovereignty clause in our Covenant, U.S. control over the islands should have been restricted to our islands' defense and foreign affairs. That should be it. And it could have been very different had we stood up and raised our voices.

This July 4, we need to do some soul-searching into what and who we are. We should resolve to seek control of our own destiny and take pride in the fact that we are indigenous. Northern Marianas descent is a generic copout term designed to minimize the anger of outsiders as we fight for control of the very soil a group of people must have paid a very high price to find some 4,500 to 5,000 years ago. The commemoration of event should have been the liberation and independence we celebrate these days.

**Noel S. Reyes**

*Dandan, Saipan*

## Transparency

According to hearsay, a sitting judge in the past was disbarred from the CNMI Bar Association and he/she was allowed to continue his/her tenure as CNMI judge. Maybe our English is not up to par with today's world. Of course there is no sitting CNMI judge at the present time that had been suspended or disbarred. We may not speak or write English properly but we all know in the CNMI who is the former judge we are referring to. We may be a pidgin English speaker and non-English writer but what we meant was "in the past," not the present.

As there are no statutes or rules mandating records of prior disciplinary cases in which sanctions greater than a private rep-

rimand were imposed, this is the whole point of the argument that we are trying to debate and rectify. Who makes the disciplinary rules or any rules in the CNMI Bar? Since there are no rules and statutes for such predicament, we the people of the CNMI would like for the CNMI Legislature to enact such statute for the CNMI people to know who had been reprimand among members of the CNMI Bar Association. According to Public Law 6-25 Section 3403 (c), "nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the Legislature to enact laws regarding the subjects referred to in this section, and any rule may be annulled or amended by a duly enacted law."

We the people would like transparency and an oversight entity to keep the CNMI Bar Association in check. The CNMI Constitution Article II needs to be amended for the creation of a new CNMI Bar or let the CNMI Legislature exercise its role as protector of the CNMI public. When we speak of the truth, we were labeled as uneducated and not trustworthy. We want changes within our judicial system and it has to start somewhere, somehow.

**Segundo Castro**






*Marpo Valley, Tinian*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼76°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Palau	Showers	▲87 ▼76
Yap	Showers	▲92 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼76
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼79

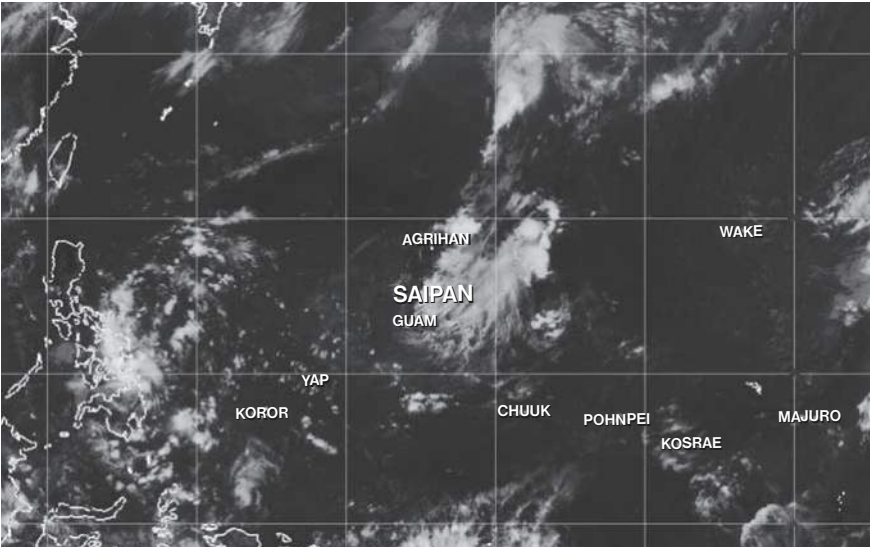
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲60 ▼51
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲93 ▼73
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲83 ▼71
London	Cloudy	▲72 ▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲61 ▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
New York	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼72
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼77
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲73 ▼59
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲79 ▼72
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼67
Salem	Sunny	▲89 ▼55
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲78 ▼63
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼74
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼75
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼74

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:07 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
6:45 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough reaches southeastward from 8N130E through weak circulations centered south of Koror at 6N134E and south of Yap at 2N140E to end at EQ144E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south and west of Koror south of a line from 8N130E to 5N137E. A surface trough extends northward from the circulation centered near Koror to end northwest of Saipan at 19N142E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of a line from 8N135E to 13N140E to 19N134E. A surface trough extends southward from a circulation centered near 27N147E to 19N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present west of Minami Tori Shima within 120 miles of a line from 19N148E to 25N151E. An upper-level trough extends northeastward from near Majuro at 8N170E through an upper-level low centered east of Wake Island at 21N175E to beyond 25N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are evident east of a line from 1N179E to 5N176E to 25N171E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:44 AM	2:43 PM
Thursday	2:27 AM	3:33 PM
Friday	3:13 AM	4:22 PM
Saturday	4:00 AM	5:10 PM
Sunday	4:48 AM	5:57 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# 2013 Liberation Day Queen Coronation Night

Photos by  
REINA S. PEREZ



Melody Margaret Johnson is crowned the 2013 Royal Princess at the coronation ceremony on Monday at the Civic Center in Susupe.



2012 Liberation Day Queen Lydee Rose Pangelinan is escorted to the stage for the coronation ceremony on Monday at the Civic Center in Susupe.



2012 Liberation Day Queen Lydee Rose Pangelinan crowns 2013 Liberation Day Queen Nicole Ichihara Sablan.



Annalyn Jovannah Cabrera is crowned the 2013 3rd Princess at the coronation ceremony at 7pm July 1 at the Civic Center in Susupe.



Rea-Lei L. Iskawa is crowned the 2013 2nd Princess at the coronation ceremony on Monday.



Carmelyn Teregeyo Agulto, the 2012 2nd Princess, attends the coronation ceremony on Monday at the Civic Center in Susupe.



The 2012 Liberation Day Royal Court's Queen, Royal Princess, and 2nd Princess attend the coronation ceremony on Monday at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Maria Angelica Babac Malasarte, 2012 Royal Princess, attends the coronation ceremony at 7pm July 1.



The 2013 Liberation Day Queen candidates, from left, Annalyn Jovannah Cabrera, Rea-Lei L. Iskawa, Melody Margaret Johnson, Sina Ha'ani Ulloa Palacios, and Nicole Ichihara Sablan wait for the announcement of the winner at the coronation ceremony at 7pm July 1.



# USS *Preble* sailors discuss careers, spruce up school

By JOANNA DELFIN  
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**DEDEDO, Guam**—Sailors from the Arleigh-Burke class destroyer USS *Preble* volunteered their time to meet with students at Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, on July 1.

"I'm glad I got the opportunity," said Seaman Kristyn Fry. "I love kids. I've always loved kids. These kids are amazing; they have a lot of questions, they're very engaged, [their] memories are great for them to remember where we're from, what our names are."

Wettengel Elementary School principal Evangeline Iglesias said she was excited to welcome the sailors to the school to talk to the kids about their careers and to provide them with inspiration for their future.

"Establishing good rapport with the local community is very important for the military so we can have ideas that it's not a segregated or separated community," she said. "We always want to keep good, strong ties with our military personnel to create a bond, to create a friendship with one another."

Fry said she was glad to meet the students and provide them a brief overview of her career.

"I think personally you talk to the kids, you tell them what [we] do because they need to know," she said. "Maybe they want to join, maybe you'll spark an interest in them and that's a good thing because they're our future and that's all we have and if we train them and we do well, then we'll have a great future."

After meeting with the students and getting in a little one-on-one time, the sailors rolled up their sleeves and helped school staff with various maintenance projects such as landscaping and recycling efforts.

"Any kind of support any volunteer personnel that do come

out to the school sites are very, very much appreciated," Iglesias said.

She added that having the sailors there was a good way to show students that service members come from different places, have different backgrounds but all serve to protect the nation.

"The people who serve in our military are like who we have here on the island," she said. "Their moms and dads, their uncles and aunties that are there to serve and protect our island and knowing they are here as a presence to defend our nation, to defend our island is very important. So just seeing them come out and express their roles and responsibilities is a very good exposure for our students."

U.S. NAVY/JOANNA DELFIN  
Seaman Kristyn Fry of USS *Preble* discusses her career with students during a visit to Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, July 1.



U.S. NAVY/JOANNA DELFIN  
Chief Quartermaster Santiago Salazar of USS *Preble* speaks with students during a presentation at Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, July 1.



U.S. NAVY/JOANNA DELFIN  
Seaman Kristyn Fry, left, and Fire Controlman 1st Class Chianti Bryant of USS *Preble* move a desk during a visit to Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, July 1.



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Chief Quartermaster Santiago Salazar of USS *Preble* helps clean the parking lot during a visit to Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, July 1.



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Chief Quartermaster Santiago Salazar, left, and Quartermaster 2nd Class Dustin Donner of USS *Preble* help staff clean the parking lot during a visit to Wettengel Elementary School in Dededo, Guam, July 1.



# Nation

## Portable shelters couldn't save 19 firefighters

**PRESCOTT, Ariz.** (AP)—In a heartbreaking sight, a long line of vans from a coroner's office carried the bodies of 19 elite firefighters out of the tiny mountain town of Yarnell on Monday, as the wind-driven wildfire that claimed the men's lives burned out of control.

About 200 more firefighters arrived to the scorching mountains, doubling the number of firefighters battling the blaze, ignited by lightning.

Many of them were wildfire specialists like the 19 fatally trapped Sunday—a group of firefighters known as Hotshots called to face the nation's fiercest wildfires.

With no way out, the Prescott-based crew did what they were trained to do: They unfurled their foil-lined, heat-resistant tarps and rushed to cover themselves. But that last, desperate line of defense couldn't save them.

The deaths of the Granite Mountain Hotshots marked the nation's biggest loss of firefighters in a wildfire in 80 years. Only one member of the 20-person crew survived, and that was because he was moving the unit's truck at the time.

Arizona's governor called it "as dark a day as I can remember" and ordered flags flown at half-staff.

"I know that it is unbearable for many of you, but it also is unbearable for me. I know the pain that everyone is trying to overcome and deal with today," said Gov. Jan Brewer, her voice catching several times as she addressed reporters and residents at Prescott High School in the town of 40,000.

President Barack Obama called Brewer on Monday from Africa and reinforced his commitment to providing necessary federal support to battle the fire that spread to 13 square miles after destroying 50 homes. More than 200 homes were threatened in the town of 700 people.

Obama also offered his administration's help to state officials investigating the tragedy, and predicted it will force government leaders to answer broader questions about how they handle increasingly destructive and deadly wildfires.

Brewer said the blaze "exploded into a firestorm" that overran the crew.

Prescott City Councilman Len Scamardo said the wind changed directions and brought 40 to 50 mph gusts that caused the firefighters to become trapped around 3 p.m. Sunday. The blaze grew from 200 acres to about 2,000 in a matter of hours.

Southwest incident team leader Clay Templin said the crew and its commanders were following safety protocols, and it appears the fire's erratic na-



Prescott and other area department firefighters embrace during a memorial service, Monday, July 1, 2013 in Prescott, Ariz.,

AP

ture simply overwhelmed them.

The Hotshot team had spent recent weeks fighting fires in New Mexico and Prescott before being called to Yarnell, entering the smoky wilderness over the weekend with backpacks, chainsaws and other heavy gear to remove brush and trees as a heat wave across the Southwest sent temperatures into the triple digits.

Prescott Fire Chief Dan Fraijo said he feared the worst when he received a call Sunday afternoon from someone assigned to the fire.

"All he said was, 'We might have bad news. The entire Hotshot crew deployed their shel-

ters,'" Fraijo said. "When we talk about deploying the shelters, that's an automatic fear, absolutely. That's a last-ditch effort to save yourself when you deploy your shelter."

Arizona Forestry Division spokesman Mike Reichling said all 19 victims had deployed their emergency shelters as they were trained to do.

As a last resort, firefighters are supposed to step into the shelters, lie face down on the ground and pull the fire-resistant fabric completely over themselves. The shelter is designed to reflect heat and trap cool, breathable air inside for a few minutes while a wildfire

burns over a person.

But its success depends on firefighters being in a cleared area away from fuels and not in the direct path of a raging inferno of heat and hot gases.

The glue holding the layers of the shelter together begins to come apart at about 500 degrees, well above the 300 degrees that would almost immediately kill a person.

"It'll protect you, but only for a short amount of time. If the fire quickly burns over you, you'll probably survive that," said Prescott Fire Capt. Jeff Knotek. But "if it burns intensely for any amount of time while you're in that thing, there's nothing that's going to save you from that."

Fire officials gave no further details about the shelters being deployed. The bodies were taken to Phoenix for autopsies

to determine exactly how the firefighters died.

The U.S. has 110 Hotshot crews, according to the U.S. Forest Service website. They typically have about 20 members each and go through specialized training.

Many of those killed were graduates of Prescott High, including 28-year-old Clayton Whitted, who as a firefighter would work out on the same campus where he played football for the Prescott Badgers from 2000 to 2004.

The school's football coach, Lou Beneitone, said Whitted was the type of athlete who "worked his fanny off."

"He wasn't a big kid, and many times in the game, he was overpowered by big men, and he still got after it. He knew, 'This man in front of me is a lot

bigger and stronger than me,' but he'd try it and he'd smile trying it," Beneitone said.

He and Whitted had talked a few months ago about how this year's fire season could be a "rough one."

"I shook his hand, gave him a hug, and said, 'Be safe out there,'" Beneitone recalled. "He said, 'I will, Coach.'"

Hundreds of people were evacuated from the Yarnell area. In addition to the flames, downed power lines and exploding propane tanks continued to threaten what was left of the town, said fire information officer Steve Skurja. A light rain fell over the area but did little to slow the fire.

"It's a very hazardous situation right now," Skurja said.

Arizona is in the midst of a historic drought that has left large parts of the state highly flammable.

"Until we get a significant showing of the monsoons, it's showtime, and it's dangerous, really dangerous," incident commander Roy Hall said.

The National Fire Protection Association website lists the last wildfire to kill more firefighters as the 1933 Griffith Park blaze in Los Angeles, which killed 29. The biggest loss of firefighters in U.S. history was 343, killed in the 9/11 attack on New York.

In 1994, the Storm King Fire near Glenwood Springs, Colo., killed 14 firefighters who were overtaken by an explosion of flames.

A makeshift memorial of flower bouquets and American flags formed at the Prescott fire station where the crew was based.

More than 1,000 people turned out Monday to a gym at the Prescott campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to honor those killed.

At the end of the ceremony, dozens of wildfire fighters sporting Hotshot shirts and uniforms from other jurisdictions marched down the bleachers to the front of the auditorium, their heavy work boots drumming a march on the wooden steps.

### Wildfire disasters

*Nineteen firefighters were killed in an Arizona wildfire, marking the greatest loss of life among firefighters from a single wildland blaze in 80 years.*



**19 killed**

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Source: U.S. National Fire Protection Association, AP  
Graphic: Melina Yingling

#### Wildfire deaths in a single fire

**Aug. 5, 2008** Helicopter crash in Redding Calif. as crew was heading back to camp

**9 killed**

**July 6, 1994** Lightning-sparked Storm King Mountain blaze in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

**14 killed**

**July 9, 1953** Rattlesnake Fire in Southern California

**15 killed**

**August 5, 1949** Mann Gulch fire near Helena, Mont.

**12 killed\***

**Oct. 3, 1933** Griffith Park wildfire in Los Angeles

**29 killed**

\*One forest ranger also killed

### Prosecution wrapping up in WikiLeaks trial

**FORT MEADE, Md.** (AP)—Al-Qaida leaders reveled in WikiLeaks' publication of reams of classified U.S. documents, urging members to study them before devising ways to attack the United States, according to evidence presented by the prosecution Monday in the court-martial of an Army private who leaked the material.

"By the grace of God the enemy's interests are today spread all over the place," Adam Gadahn, an American member of the terrorist group, said in a 2011 al-Qaida propaganda video. The video

specifically referred to material published by WikiLeaks, according to a written description of the propaganda piece submitted at the trial of Pfc. Bradley Manning. The evidence, which both sides agreed was factual, was read into record by lead prosecutor Maj. Ashden Fein.

Prosecutors also submitted excerpts from the winter 2010 issue of al-Qaida's online magazine "Inspire," which said "anything useful from WikiLeaks is useful for archiving."

The government presented another uncontested written statement that former al-Qaida

leader Osama bin Laden asked for and received from an associate the Afghanistan battlefield reports that WikiLeaks published. The material was found on digital media seized in the May 2011 raid on bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, Fein said. Bin Laden was killed in the raid.

The evidence came as prosecutors neared the end of their case in Manning's court-martial on charges he aided the enemy by sending hundreds of thousands of documents to the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks while working an intelligence analyst in Iraq in 2009 and 2010.



# Asia

## 6 killed in attack on NATO compound

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Militants blew up a suicide car bomb at the gate to a NATO compound in Kabul early Tuesday and attacked guards with small-arms fire, killing four guards and two civilians, police said. All four suicide attackers were also killed.

Kabul provincial police chief Mohammad Ayuob Salangi said the powerful car bomb blew up at about 4:30 a.m., leaving a deep crater at the first gate leading into the camp. Two truck drivers who were waiting to enter the area were killed in the blast, he said.

Three other suicide attackers wearing explosive vests then began fighting with guards; all were killed. Salangi said the guards killed were all Nepalese contractors.

The Taliban later claimed it carried out the attack.

Salangi had no further details immediately and said the attack is being investigated.

It happened after the Interior Ministry announced Monday that insurgents had killed nearly 300 Afghan local and national police in one month, illustrating how casualties among local forces are mounting now that NATO-led coalition troops have handed over responsibility for combat operations.

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According to an AP count, 807 Afghan security force members—including soldiers and police—and 365 civilians have been killed so far this year through the end of May. A total of 63 coalition troops were also killed in that span.

Last year through the end of May, Afghan security forces lost 365 soldiers and police, and 338 civilians were killed. Coalition forces lost 177 troops during that time.

Sediqqi said the biggest danger facing the security forces were roadside bombs.

“That’s where we have lots of fatalities,” he said. Even as he spoke, a regional police commander and three of his men were killed when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb in the country’s north.

Baghlan provincial police spokesman Jaweed Basharat said district commander Habinul Rahman was killed when the bomb exploded next to his vehicle while on patrol in the morning.

In the western province of Badghis, 12 Taliban militants were killed in two days of fighting at three border security posts, provincial governor’s spokesman Mirwas Mirzakwal said. Three policemen were wounded, he said.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### EU asks China for clarity on Xinjiang violence

**BEIJING (AP)**—China needs to be more candid about the nature and causes of recent incidents of deadly ethnic violence in the northwestern region of Xinjiang, the European Union’s ambassador to Beijing said Monday. The EU appreciates China’s efforts to develop the region but “we do believe it is necessary to address the underlying causes of ethnic tensions in order to achieve lasting stability and prosperity,” Markus Ederer told reporters at a briefing. “We are concerned by the lack of transparency when it comes to the reporting about what happened. We believe that transparency would help to make clear the amount and the source of this violence,” Ederer said.

#### Police say SKorean man spurred NJ school lockdown

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—South Korean police say a local man is responsible for prank 911 calls that prompted school lockdowns in New Jersey last year. The Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency said Monday in a statement that a 19-year-old sumamed Lee made calls from South Korea to a New Jersey communications center and threatened to use an AK-47 to kill students at Hackettstown High School. The calls led schools in the northwestern New Jersey town and at Centenary College to keep students inside for four hours while police searched the area. South Korean police began investigating after U.S. authorities traced the calls to South Korea. Police say Lee used a smartphone application to

make the calls.

#### Law requires Chinese to visit their aging parents

**BEIJING (AP)**—Mothers and fathers aren’t the only ones urging adult children to visit their parents. China’s lawbooks are now issuing the same imperative. New wording in the law requiring people to visit or keep in touch with their elderly parents or risk being sued came into force Monday, as China faces increasing difficulty in caring for its aging population. The amended law does little to change the status quo, however, because elderly parents in China already have been suing their adult children for emotional support and the new wording does not specify how often people must visit or clarify penalties for those who do not.

# World

## Egypt’s military issues 48-hour ultimatum

**CAIRO (AP)**—Egypt’s military issued a “last-chance” ultimatum Monday to President Mohammed Morsi, giving him 48 hours to meet the demands of millions of protesters in the streets seeking the ouster of the Islamist leader or the generals will intervene and impose their own plan for the country.

The military’s statement, read on state TV, put enormous pressure on Morsi to step down and sent giant crowds opposing the president in Cairo and other cities into delirious celebrations of singing, dancing and fireworks. But the ultimatum raised worries on both sides the military could outright take over, as it did after the 2011 ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

It also raised the risk of a backlash from Morsi’s Islamist backers, including his powerful Muslim Brotherhood and hard-liners, some of

### Looking back

*Opponents of Egypt’s President Mohammed Morsi are protesting across the country in an all-out push to force him out a year after he became president.*

**June 30, 2012** Morsi takes office

**August** Morsi strips military of say in legislation and drafting the new constitution

**November** Morsi declares himself above the judiciary; sets a Dec. 15 vote on constitution whose legitimacy is disputed; hundreds of thousands protest

**January 2013** Protests in Tahrir Square against Morsi on the second anniversary of the start of the revolt against former President Hosni Mubarak

**February** Morsi schedules elections for new lower house of parliament to begin in April; election postponed

**March** Protests continue in Port Said and other cities for weeks, with dozens dying in clashes; some police units go on strike

**May** Morsi reshuffles Cabinet, bringing in more ministers from the Muslim Brotherhood

**June** Demonstrators accuse Muslim Brotherhood of hijacking revolution and using electoral victories to monopolize power and impose Islamic law

**June 30** Millions of demonstrators demand Morsi’s resignation

**July 1** With protestors still in the streets, military warns it will intervene

Source: Reuters, AP, BBC, ESRI

Graphic: Melina Yingling

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Egyptian protesters gather in Tahrir Square for the second day against Egypt’s Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in Cairo, Monday, July 1, 2013.

whom once belonged to armed militant groups. Already they vowed to resist what they depicted as a threat of a coup against a legitimately elected president.

Pro-Morsi marches numbering in the several thousands began after nightfall in a string of cities around the country, sparking clashes in some places. An alliance of the Brotherhood and Islamists read a statement at a televised conference calling on people to rally to prevent “any attempt to overturn” Morsi’s election.

“Any coup of any kind against legitimacy will only pass over our dead bodies,” one leading Brotherhood figure, Mohammed el-Beltagi, told a rally by thousands of Islamists outside a mosque near the Ittihadiya presidential palace.

A line of around 1,500 men with shields, helmets and sticks—assigned with protecting the rally—stamped their feet in military-like lines, singing, “Stomp our feet, raise a fire. Islam’s march is coming.”

After midnight, Morsi’s office issued a statement saying a “modern democratic state” was one of the main achievements of the anti-Mubarak revolution, adding, “With all its force, Egypt will not allow itself to be taken backward.” It said Morsi was still reviewing the military’s statement, but added some parts of it “could cause disturbances in the complicated national scene.”

U.S. President Barack Obama said the U.S. is committed to democracy in Egypt, not any particular leader. Trav-

eling in Tanzania, Obama said that although Morsi was democratically elected, the government must respect its opposition and minority groups.

Egypt’s Presidency said in a statement that Morsi received a phone call from Obama. According to the statement, Obama said the US administration “supports peaceful democratic transition in Egypt.”

Army troops at checkpoints on roads leading to the pro-Morsi rally searched cars for weapons after reports that some Islamists were arming themselves.

In the second day straight day of anti-Morsi protests nationwide, men and women danced outside the Ittihadiya palace, some cried with joy and bands on a stage played revolutionary songs after the military’s statement.



# Focus

**PRESCOTT, Ariz.** (AP)—In the firefighting world, “hotshot” is the word given to those willing to risk their lives to go to the hottest part of a blaze. They are the best of the best, crews filled with adventure-seekers whose years of hard training ready them for the worst.

But in the full face of nature’s fury, all the training in the world isn’t always enough.

So it was Sunday for 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. These Hotshots were everything the word connotes: Daring and brave, a tightknit group brought together by a common bond of hard work and “arduous adventure,” reads the Prescott team’s web page.

“We are routinely exposed to extreme environmental conditions, long work hours, long travel hours and the most demanding of fireline tasks,” says the site. “Comforts such as beds, showers and hot meals are not always common.”

Above all, the crew’s members prided themselves on their problem-solving, teamwork and “ability to make decisions in a stressful environment.”

The men died Sunday evening when a wind-whipped wildfire overcame them on a mountainside north of Phoenix. It was the deadliest single day for U.S. firefighters since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

“They were dedicated, hard-working people,” Prescott Fire Chief Dan Fraijo said. “I never heard them complain; they never complained to me at least. ... They always seemed to be playing pranks on each other and a few on me.”

“And I had a great deal of respect for them.”

At least two members of the crew had followed in their fathers’ firefighting footsteps.

Kevin Woyjeck, 21, used to accompany his dad, Capt. Joe Woyjeck, to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, joining in sometimes on ride-alongs. The firehouse was like a second home



Angela Clark, left, her daughter Chloe, middle, and Theresa Winqest visit a makeshift memorial at the fire station Monday, July 1, 2013, in Prescott, Ariz., where an elite team of firefighters was based. Nineteen of the 20 members of the team were killed Sunday when a wildfire suddenly swept toward them in Yarnell, Ariz.

AP

Pereira said.

“He’d wear these tight shorts ... just to be goofy,” Pereira said. “He was in the Marine Corps and he was a Hotshot, so he could wear those and no one would bug him.”

At 43, crew superintendent Eric Marsh was by far the oldest member of the group. An avid mountain biker who grew up in the mountains of North Carolina, Marsh became hooked on firefighting while studying biology at Arizona State University, said Leanna Racquer, the ex-wife of Marsh’s cousin.

In April 2012, Marsh let reporters from the ASU Cronkite News Service observe one of the crew’s training sessions. That day, they were playing out the “nightmare scenario”—surrounded by flames, with nothing but a thin, reflective shelter between them and incineration.

“If we’re not actually doing it, we’re thinking and planning about it,” Marsh said.

During that exercise, one of the new crew members “died.”

“It’s not uncommon to have a rookie die,” Marsh told the news service. “Fake die, of course.”

On Sunday, that scenario was all too real.

## Arizona ‘Hotshots’ lived the meaning of the word

to him, said Keith Mora, an inspector with that agency.

“He wanted to become a firefighter like his dad and hopefully work hand-in-hand,” Mora said Monday outside of a fire station in Seal Beach, Calif., where the Woyjeck family lives. “He was a great kid. Unbelievable sense of humor, work ethic that was not parallel to many kids I’ve seen at that age. He wanted to work very hard.”

Chris MacKenzie, 30, grew up in California’s San Jacinto Valley, where father Michael was a former captain with the Moreno Valley Fire Department. An avid snowboarder, Chris MacKenzie joined the U.S. Forest Service in 2004, then transferred two years ago to the Prescott Fire Department.

Longtime friend Dav Fulford-Brown told The Riverside Press-Enterprise that MacKenzie was set to receive a promotion soon. MacKenzie, Fulford-Brown said, “lived life to the fullest ... and was fighting fire just like his dad.”

Another of the victims, Billy Warneke, 25, and his wife, Roxanne, were expecting their first child in December, his grandmother, Nancy Warneke, told The Press-Enterprise.

And Scott Norris, 28, was known around Prescott as much for his part-time job at Bucky O’Neill Guns as for his work as a Hotshot.

“I never heard a dirty word out of the guy,” said local William O’Hara. “He was the kind of guy who, if he dated your daughter, you’d be OK with it. He was just a model of a young, ideal American gentleman.”

Fourteen of those who died were in their 20s; the average age of the casualties was just 26. This is no surprise, given the rigors of the job.

As a condition of hire, each member is required to pass the U.S. Forest Service’s “Arduous Work Capacity Test”—which entails completing a 3-mile hike with a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes. The group also set for its members a fitness goal of a 1.5-mile run in 10 minutes, 35 seconds; 40 sit-ups in 60 seconds; 25 push-ups in 60 seconds; and seven pull-ups, according to the crew’s website.

“The nature of our work requires us to endure physical hardships beyond most people’s experiences,” the website said. “Environmental extremes, long hours, bad food, and steep, rugged

terrain, demand that we train early and often by running and hiking, doing core exercises, yoga, and weight training.”

The group started in 2002 as a fuels mitigation crew—clearing brush to starve a fire. Within six years, they had made their transition into the “elite” hotshot community.

At Captain Crossfit, a warehouse filled with mats, obstacle courses, climbing walls and acrobatic rings near the firehouse where the Hotshots worked, trainers Janine Pereira and Tony Burris talked about their day-to-day experiences with the crew in what was a home away from home for most of them.

The whole group grew beards and mustaches before the fire season started but had to shave their beards for safety.

“They were trying to get away with it, and finally someone was like, ‘No. You’ve got to shave that beard,’” Pereira said. “They were the strongest, the happiest, always smiling.”

Former Marine Travis Turbyfill, 27, whose nickname was “Turby,” would come in to train in the morning, then return in the afternoon with his two daughters and wife, Stephanie, a nurse,

### Fighting fires

Only to be used as a last resort, fire shelters offer firefighters protection in an emergency.

Should take only 40 seconds to set up shelter

Find clear spot on ground, open and unfold shelter

Back into structure standing up, closing front

Hold opening closed, move to ground

### Inside the shelter

Shelter protects firefighters from two types of heat:

- 1. Radiant heat**
  - Travels in straight line
  - Turns into heat when contacts cooler surface
  - Shelter reflects 95%
- 2. Convective heat**
  - Requires air movement
  - Blast of hot air, transfers heat to surface
  - Shelter absorbs 100%

Ground cooling

Once in shelter, roll to stomach and stay close to ground

### Protecting layers

Aluminum foil bonded to woven silica material

Air gap; adds further insulation

Aluminum foil laminated to fiberglass

Source: National Interagency Fire Center  
Graphic: Melina Yingling  
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# Campus Life

## Post-recession, higher education paths diverge

**CHONGQING, China (AP)**—Determined to learn their way out of the Great Recession—or eager to rise above the deprivation of developing lands—unprecedented millions of people have enrolled in colleges and universities around the world in the past five years.

What they're finding is an educational landscape turning upside down.

In the United States—where top schools have long championed a liberal style of learning and broad education before specialization—higher education's focus is shifting to getting students that first job in a still-shaky economy. Tuition is so high and the lingering economic distress so great that an education not directly tied to an occupation is increasingly seen as a luxury.

Elsewhere in the world, there is a growing emphasis on broader learning as an economic necessity.

Advocates hear employers demanding the "soft skills"—communication, critical thinking, and working with diverse groups—that broad-based learning more effectively instills. They want to graduate job-creators, not just job-fillers. They think the biggest innovations come from graduates who are well-rounded—from empathetic engineers, say, or tech-savvy anthropologists.

In Europe, where for centuries students have jumped straight into specialized fields and studied little else, recent changes have pushed back specialization, making more room for general education. In Africa and the Middle East, experiments are moving away from a relentlessly narrow education tradition. And on a much bigger scale, China is breaking down the rigid disciplinary walls that have long characterized its higher education system.

All of this is happening in the shadow of the Great Recession, which began in late 2007 with the near-collapse of the global financial system, depressing economies and employment worldwide. Today, some countries are recovering, but all are coming to grips with a world altered by hard times.

Higher education is widely seen—both by nations and individuals—as the way to prosperity.

Over roughly the last half-decade, according to UNESCO, enrollment in colleges and universities rose one-third in China and almost two-thirds in Saudi Arabia, nearly doubled in Pakistan, tripled in Uganda, and surged by 3 million—18 percent—in the United States. In 2001, global enrollment first passed 100 million; a decade later, the estimated figure was



In this Tuesday, May 21, 2013 photo, Michelle Garvelink, a Western Star Insurance Services Senior Sales Agent, works at the University of Farmers Insurance Group offices in Caledonia, Mich.

182 million.

But what kind of education will best drive economic growth?

When foreign delegations visit American campuses these days, they increasingly skip the usual research universities to scope out liberal arts colleges such as Amherst and Williams, says Patti McGill Peterson of the American Council on Education.

They're seeking the "magic" that helped launch companies like Apple and Google. China, in particular, is recruiting disheartened American academics and putting them to work.

There's "a weird symmetry" at work in the educational world, says Columbia University professor Andrew Delbanco, author of "College: What It Was, Is, and Should Be."

As people in the United States "talk less and less about the value of liberal education," he says, "our so-called economic competitors talk about it more and more."

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On the outskirts of Chongqing, a sprawling megalopolis of 29 million in southwest China, stand a pair of college campuses—one representing education's past in the world's most populous country, and the other, perhaps, its future.

In its mission and dreary name, the College of Mobile Telecommunications is typical of China's hundreds of Soviet-era universities: rote learning, hyper-specialization and a lock-step course of study for all.

On a hill above it, surrounding a secluded courtyard, stands a new experiment, something

very different—Yuanjing Academy. Here, college students take a broad array of subjects their first year, in small classes, learning to do things like argue about literature and play the guitar.

On a recent sunny afternoon, in the checkered shadow of a traditional Buddhist "Bodhi" tree of wisdom on campus, a visiting Dutch academic named Hans Adriaansens sat conversing with Yuanjing students about their ambitions, work and daily worries.

Adriaansens is an adviser to the school, and his journey here is a kind of microcosm of the global movement.

Early in his career, he studied at American campuses including Harvard and Smith College, falling in love with liberal arts learning. Later, he struggled for decades to bring the model to Europe, where students historically have been channeled into specialties as early as age 12.

"When I started, everybody was against it, even at my own university," he says.

That's changed. In recent years, he's helped leading Dutch universities install liberal arts colleges within their campuses. Across Europe, schools have opened space during the first years for broader learning, delaying specialization.

"The Europeans won't say this, but it's kind of Americanizing their system," says Philip Altbach, a Boston College expert on international higher education.

Singapore and Hong Kong have made similar changes.

The prophet of this move-

ment, quoted often by Adriaansens and others, is Steve Jobs, the late co-founder of Apple. Jobs called the marriage of liberal arts, humanities and technology the secret to Apple products "that make our hearts sing." Far from burying interest in broader learning, advocates say, Europe's economic malaise has increased interest in nurturing innovative thinkers.

While the old Soviet system was a byword for rigid specialization, elite St. Petersburg State University in Russia recently opened its first liberal arts faculty. Jonathan Becker, the vice president for international affairs at Bard College in New York who has worked in Europe for decades, says it's no accident that effort has been led by a former Russian finance minister.

"They realize," Becker says, that "narrow boundaries of disciplines are not the answer to modern world problems."

There are similar projects in Poland, Slovakia and elsewhere. Even in Germany, which invented the rigid disciplinary model, a first-of-its-kind four-year liberal arts college was being formally inaugurated Monday at the University of Freiburg. The reasoning is both economic and political, especially in Eastern Europe.

"There's memory of the problems of following a rigorous ideology, and a belief that following a rigorous interdisciplinary program is a way of overcoming that legacy," Becker says.

Now, Adriaansens has moved to the movement's big-

gest stage yet: China.

"It's new to them but, to my surprise, it's going much faster than it went in my country," he says.

In its once tightly planned economy, China's universities churned out graduates for specific lines of work. Students declared their academic intentions as early as 10th grade. Universities often were overseen by a national ministry or trade agency. Their names say it all: Chongqing Nanfang Translators College, Nanjing Audit University, North China Electric Power University.

Peng Hongbin excelled in that system, studying at a prestigious university and later getting rich in the flooring business. But he doesn't credit his education: Under the rote learning style he never learned to speak up, and he overcame his shyness only later, in the business world.

"China does not teach you how to communicate," says Peng, who in 2007 bought the telecommunications college when it went private and, five years later, founded Yuanjing on the hill above it.

"For a country to innovate, to be creative, it needs imagination, not a knowledge and know-how from a specific field of study," he says.

His academy picks 150 students from the freshman class of 5,000 at the telecommunications college, which also is undergoing changes, adding clubs, sports, community service and art appreciation.

Peng is not alone in his quest; China's leaders have taken steps in the same direction. They

want China to invent the next iPad, not build the last one.

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The University of Farmers is not like Yale or Yuanjing. In fact, it's not officially a university, at all.

U of F is a corporate training operation of America's Farmers Insurance, and its students are agents and adjusters. It has campuses in California and at a suburban office park beside the Grand Rapids airport in Michigan.

The University of Farmers is not a place where the works of the great philosophers are discussed; it is a place where people learn things that will help them do their jobs and jobs they hope to have some day. And in that, it reflects a major shift the Great Recession accelerated in American higher education.

Michael Hoffman, 29, started working at Farmers two years ago but hit a ceiling without a degree. He's one of thousands of employees Farmers is helping pursue their diplomas. In Michigan, many shuttle between the Farmers training program and nearby Davenport University, which awards the degrees.

Farmers will support degrees in a range of fields, and emphasizes that specialized business degrees aren't required to work there. But virtually all choose business. Some, including Hoffman, are in a new management program that focuses them even more narrowly: They are essentially majoring in insurance.

"I want what's going to be specifically oriented to my career and my career goals," says Hoffman, explaining a curriculum focused on things like underwriting regulation, ethics and licensing. And with an infant at home, "Really, that's all I have time for."

Davenport's curriculum injects broad-based skill building in every course, says an associate dean at the school, Frank Novakowski. But he also calls Davenport pragmatic, noting Farmers is halfway through hiring 1,600 new workers here.

"We don't have degrees that are just there for the fun of it or because Professor Wonderful started it 30 years ago," he says. "People are getting really serious about what am I getting an education for, and what am I going to do after?" And if the kids aren't asking, their parents are.

Getting a job has always driven Americans to college and affected what they study, says Arthur Levine, a researcher who now leads the New Jersey-based Woodrow Wilson Foundation, which supports leadership development in education and teaching. Levine has tracked students' attitudes toward college since the 1960s and takes See POST-RECESSION on Next Page



# Life & Style

## Judge tosses 3 NY lawsuits against ex-Elmo actor



This Aug. 16, 2006 file photo shows Kevin Clash, who was the voice and movements behind Sesame Street's Elmo, posing for a picture with Elmo in New York. AP

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Three lawsuits brought by men who said former Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash sexually abused them when they were underage were tossed out by a judge who said in a decision published Monday that the men waited too long to sue.

U.S. District Judge John G. Koeltl said the claims must be barred because they came more than six years after the men reasonably should have realized that the physical and emotional in-

juries they're suing over were caused by alleged encounters with Clash. The judge also noted that each man had been over the age of 18 for more than three years before the lawsuits were filed.

Clash was the man behind Elmo, the popular furry red monster, for 28 years.

Attorneys for the men promised an appeal while Clash said through his lawyer that he hoped the ruling would help him recover personally and professionally.

One other lawsuit is pending in Pennsylvania.

Clash resigned from "Sesame Street" in November after college student Cecil Singleton sued him for more than \$5 million, accusing Clash of having sex with him when he was 15.

At the time, Clash said he was leaving his job because "personal matters have diverted attention away from the important work 'Sesame Street' is doing."

Singleton's lawsuit was among those thrown out Monday. Koeltl also rejected lawsuits brought by Kevin Kiadii, who claimed that Clash initi-

ated contact with him on a gay chat line in 2004 when he was 16, and a third person, a Florida resident, who remained anonymous in his lawsuit as he claimed that Clash befriended him in late 1995 or early 1996 when he was 16 or 17.

The Associated Press generally doesn't identify people alleging sex crimes, but both Singleton and Kiadii have widely publicized their accusations, including giving several interviews and, in Singleton's case, a news conference.

Sex with a person under age 17 is a felony in New York if the

perpetrator is 21 or older.

Koeltl said Singleton's claim expired in 2009, Kiadii's claim became time-barred at some point between 2008 and 2010 and the case brought anonymously would have expired between 2000 and 2002.

Adam D. Horowitz, an attorney for the men who brought the lawsuits, noted that the case was dismissed only on statute of limitations grounds.

"It should not be viewed as a vindication for Kevin Clash or a determination that he is innocent," Horowitz said. He added that lawyers were "still hearing

from more of his alleged victims."

Jeff Herman, another lawyer for the plaintiffs, said in a statement: "This is the first battle. We plan to appeal the decision and continue the fight to be a voice for victims."

Herman called the statute of limitations "an arbitrary timeline that silences victims" and demonstrates "the need for a window in New York to allow victims to have their day in court."

Michael G. Berger, Clash's attorney, called the ruling an "important step" for helping Clash to move on. He said Clash was pleased.

### In Celebration of His New Life +Joaquin Ito Pangelinan better known as "Mitch"

was called to his eternal rest on  
Friday, June 28, 2013, at the age of 71

*In his new life, Mitch will be reunited with his:*

**Father:** Francisco Sablan Pangelinan  
**Mother:** Dolores Ito Pangelinan  
**Father in-law:** Gregorio Camacho Cabrera  
**Godmother:** Matilde S. Tudela  
**Brothers:** Felix Francisco I. Pangelinan & Esteban I. Pangelinan  
**Brothers in-law:** Dr. Isamu J. Abraham, Estevan I. Kileleman & Raymond S. Camacho  
**Daughter:** Verena Marie Tudela Cabrera  
**Daughter in-law:** Rosita Terlaje Pangelinan  
**Nephew:** Carlos Patrick Pangelinan Camacho

*Mitch's memories will live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife and Best Friend:** Carmen Tudela Cabrera-Pangelinan  
**Children:** Mark Dave S. Pangelinan (Reynee, Sabrina, Mark Jr., Regina)  
Michael S. / Vivian Pangelinan (Colin)  
Ian S. / Jolyn Pangelinan (Zoe, Ian Jr.)  
Gina P. / Seth Sablan (Austin, Leila, Avea)  
Jacqueena "Tomiko" Cabrera Pangelinan  
Brenna T. Cabrera / Ramon G. Villagomez II (Ramon III)

**Siblings:** Delgadina P. Zabetakis/Nick, Felicitas "Tee" P. Abraham, Joseph I. Pangelinan/Maria "Frica", Lourdes "Winnie" P. Camacho/Carlos, Kenneth I. Pangelinan

**Siblings-in-law:** Asuncion "Connie" P. Pangelinan, Linda T. Cabrera, Isidoro T. / Susana C. Cabrera, Daria C. / David Cing, Millan C. / Elroy Jr. Hill, Oliva C. / Thomas M. Deleon Guerrero, Olinka C. / Ghazanfar Chaudhry, Noel T. Cabrera / Carmen, Anthony T. Cabrera / Riza, Gloria C. Reyes, Rita T. Cabrera, Eleonita C. Camacho, Eloy T. Cabrera

**Mother-in-law:** Escolastica Tudela Cabrera

**Godfather:** Jose B. Tudela

On **Saturday, July 6, 2013**, Mitch's remains will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center to Santa Remedios Church, Tanapag at 8:30 a.m. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will immediately follow upon arrival.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Tanapag Public Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Domo Arigato Gozaimasu.

**Carmen Tudela Cabrera-Pangelinan, Children and Family**

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an even longer view than that. Even the medieval theologians reading Latin at the first universities wanted secure work in the church, he notes.

Recently, though, he has identified a substantial shift. In the 1970s, fewer than half of U.S. college students felt increasing earnings was the chief benefit of college. Now, about two-thirds do.

A national survey of U.S. college freshmen shows a jump in such attitudes starting in 2007, when the economy turned. About three-quarters of freshmen want colleges to provide more specialized career training.

"There's just been a lot more emphasis in the kitchen-table conversations about choosing a college and choosing a major that is a clear path to a good-paying job," says Richard Ekman, president of America's Council of Independent Colleges. "That has shown up in the pattern of majors and in the choice of institutions."

American politicians are encouraging the trend of practicality in higher education. The governors of Florida and North Carolina, for example, have pushed to shift state funding away from liberal arts subjects to programs that lead more directly to jobs.

On average, people with career-focused degrees do have higher earnings and lower unemployment—at least out of the

gate, according to research by the Georgetown center. Certificates also boost earnings.

It's been harder to pin down how majors affect careers over the long-term.

Employers who complained that millions of jobs were unfilled during the Great Recession because too few graduates had the necessary technical skills also lament that students aren't well-rounded enough—lacking an ability to communicate and continue to learn. A recent employer survey by the Association of American Colleges and Universities found 93 percent reported that capacities to think critically, communicate clearly and solve complex problems were more important than an undergraduate major.

University of Michigan education professor Janet Lawrence says employers can't resist hiring graduates with focused training whom they can put straight to work. Then their new hires don't always work well in teams or grow into a job.

"They're getting technically skilled accountants," she says, "but they don't know what they don't know."

Adriaansens believes the broad-based approach will eventually win the global argument.

"Who can tell what kind of job will exist four years from now for these students?" he asks.

A narrow degree may misfire, he says, but a broader degree gives graduates the tools to reinvent themselves.

"You can build a high mountain on a very broad base," he says.



# Hit 'Antiques Roadshow' keeps on trucking for PBS



This June 22, 2013 photo released by PBS shows a man named Joe holding a Max Brother prop duck during the taping of the popular appraisal show "Antiques Roadshow," in Anaheim, Calif.

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)**—The items arrive by the thousands, borne on furniture dollies, in Radio Flyer wagons or nestled carefully in owners' arms. The hodge-podge parade consists of paintings, teapots, firearms, mannequins decked out in military

uniforms and more. Much more.

Grade-schoolers have show-and-tell for their treasures. The adult counterpart is PBS' "Antiques Roadshow," which has become an institution as it approaches its 18th season and holds fast as public television's

highest-rated series.

That's right: It's No. 1. Not glamorous, romantic "Downton Abbey," but homespun and earnest "Antiques Roadshow," where Civil War firearms, Tiffany lamps and autographed baseball cards are the stars.

## Kylie Minogue releases fashion retrospective book

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Before Lady Gaga, Rihanna or Katy Perry married music with fashion, there was Kylie Minogue.

The singer compiled a look at her fashion choices, particularly her stage costumes, in a new book called "Kylie Fashion" (Running Press).

"It was lots of fun to look at my life in fashion through the years," said Minogue in a recent interview. "There've been ups and downs and fabulous moments and not so fabulous moments, but basically the book was a celebration of 25 years."

Yes, the 45-year-old even admits to some fashion faux pas.

"I had to include some moments that were less than stellar because we all make mistakes along the way. Some ideas that we thought were fantastic at that point in time were upon reflection, a big mistake," she said. "That's all part of my journey and actually it's what I like about fashion."

From skimpy outfits to show-girl costumes with plume head-dresses, Minogue is game to try it all. For performances, she looks for showstoppers that will look good from the back of a large venue and hold up through 100 shows.

"I was about to say, 'things you can move in...' wait a second, about half my costumes you can't move in," she said with a laugh.

She learned that lesson the hard way decked out in head-dresses, feathers and corsets on her Showgirl: The Greatest Hits Tour in 2005.

"That's why showgirls have to have poise because you can't actually tip your head," she recalled.

Minogue says there have been times when she got costumes so

late that she's jumped in to help stitch them up backstage. Then there's the "quick change" in and out of elaborate costumes—something she compares to a Formula One pit stop, with four people helping her.

"A lot of stuff goes down in the quick change. It depends if the show is going well or not going well what type of vocabulary I choose," she said with a laugh.

Minogue says there's no time to be bashful when hurrying to change clothes, joking, "you kind of pass first base."

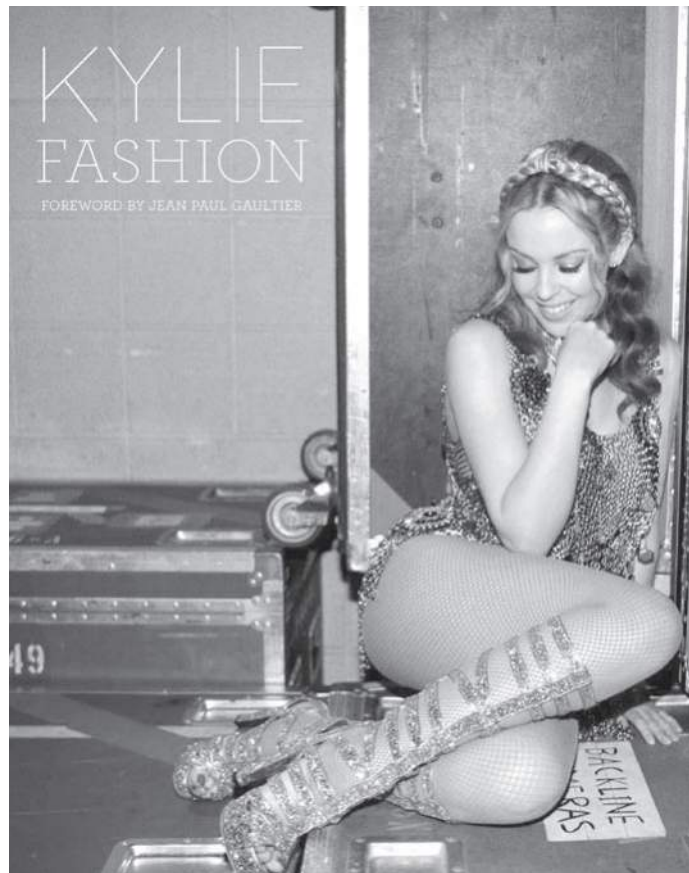
When she's away from the stage and at home, Minogue insists she "can go to total frumps-

ville for sure."

"I'm a complete letdown. At home the stilettos come off. The comfy clothes go on. I'd love to maintain this illusion that I kind of elegantly waft around home or something but I need that balance in my life ... to just be completely anti-fashion and just put whatever's closest on, and home is the place to do that."

Besides her book, Minogue is also back in the music studio. She recently signed with Roc Nation and says she's working with some great producers who she said were on her "wish list."

"I kind of had to pinch myself and say, 'This is great,'" she said.



In this book cover image released by Running Press, Australian recording artist Kylie Minogue appears on, "Kylie Fashion," her new book that looks back at her fashion choices, particularly her stage costumes.

Even Kevin Bacon watches it, which he admits in an on-air PBS promo.

As the show hopscotches from U.S. city to city, each stop draws some 6,000 people and the one or two possessions they believe are—or, wishful thinking, might be—worth a few minutes of TV airtime and a lot of money.

But what they're most eager for is background on their items and validation that their family heirloom or garage-sale find is special, said longtime executive producer Marsha Bemko. It's rare that any piece featured on "Roadshow," no matter how valuable, ends up being sold.

"People are so excited about what they own and so eager to learn about it," she said. "Most walk out knowing more than when they came in."

And the audience gets to share in that enlightenment. "It's a very human and universal thing to understand ourselves and our objects help us to do that," Bemko said.

As part of an eight-city tour for the new season that begins airing next January, "Roadshow" arrived recently in Anaheim, southeast of Los Angeles and home to Disneyland. For one busy day, the gray cement floor of a convention center became a field of dreams.

Maybe that black-and-white drawing discovered hiding behind granddad's painting will turn out to be a rare 16th-century print of "The Crucifixion" by Tintoretto (It did, with an estimated post-restoration value of up to \$15,000).

"I've always debated with mom whether it was real," said

its owner, 36-year-old Jason (PBS asked that last names be withheld for privacy and security). He figured it had to be a fake because a date, 1569, was carefully noted in one corner.

What did he expect to hear when he tells his mother the news? "I told you so," he said, smiling.

Then there was the piece plucked from the trash in the 1970s. An appraiser sized it up as folk art by Joseph Cornell, one of his famed shadow-box displays, and worth up to \$150,000 at auction if authenticated.

From the sublime to the cheerfully ridiculous, there was the stuffed duck that served as Groucho Marx's prop on his 1950s game show "You Bet Your Life." Purchased for \$250 in 1986, an appraiser gave it an auction value of up to \$12,000.

## Carrie Underwood gets political on Twitter

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Carrie Underwood has found her voice on Twitter.

The country music star and former "American Idol" champion admitted 3 1/2 years ago she was afraid to join Twitter, but since deciding to take the leap in 2011 she's embraced the social media tool in ways that go beyond fan engagement. Recently she used Twitter to oppose the "Ag Gag" bill in Tennessee, reaching out directly to Gov. Bill Haslam with a boldly worded message saying if he signed it "he needs to expect me at his front door."

It was the first time she's taken a political stand so publicly, and it seemed to have an impact. Haslam contacted Underwood to discuss the issue and went on to veto the bill that opponents claimed would have stopped investigation into animal abuse

on farms.

"He really just wanted to hear everybody's point of view, which I really respected," Underwood said in a recent interview. "So it's kind of neat that (tweet) led to that, which was really cool."

Dave Smith, spokesman for Tennessee's Republican governor, said Haslam spoke to people on both sides and that Underwood's was the only celebrity counsel he sought.

Underwood also recently declared "Hug a soldier day," and puts her support behind movements like the "End It" anti-slavery campaign and animals rights. She has 2 million followers.

"Anyone that knows me knows that I'm a thinker and

I'm a planner and I would never weigh in on anything unless I know the full story on it," Underwood said. "So I do my research. I don't think I'm a bandwagon kind of person. People are always retweeting sort of weird stuff. I do my own research. I'm not a

political person at all. I doubt anyone can tell you what party I mostly affiliate myself with. But that was just something that was in my backyard."

As you might expect, there was push-back. Rather than shrink from it, she responded with some grit.

"I realize it's not necessarily so scary," she said. "Most of the comments I get back on anything are positive. There's the occasional negative one, but I enjoy blocking that person."



Underwood

## 2 win National High School Musical Theater Awards

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A teenager from Connecticut who sang songs from popular Broadway hits like "Newsies" and another from California who nailed the sassy tune "Raunchy" from the musical "110 in the Shade" won top honors Monday night at the National High School Musical Theater Awards.

Sarah Lynn Marion, from Fullerton, Calif., was named best actress and Taylor Vargo from Norwich, Conn., got the best actor crown at the fifth annual "Glee"-like competition, nicknamed the Jimmy Awards after theater owner James Nederlander.

Both top winners will receive a \$10,000 scholarship award, capping a months-long winnowing process that began with 50,000 students from 1,000 schools and ended at the Minskoff Theatre, the long-term home of "The Lion King." This year's contestants come from 20 states.

Marion, who studies at Huntington Beach High School for

the Performing Arts and had sung a segment from "Hello, Dolly," absolutely nailed the song "Raunchy," with the appropriate lyric, "Gonna make them other gals turn green."

In her acceptance speech, she thanked her teachers, her parents, her four siblings, her friends and all fellow contestants. "And my first grade teacher who gave me my first role as Jack's mother in 'Jack and the Beanstalk,'" she said.

Vargo, who attends Newtown High School, was one of two J. Pierpont Finches from "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and delivered a touching "Santa Fe" from "Newsies" for his solo. "I'm a little lost for words," he said, before thanking his family and friends who made the trip from Connecticut.

The 62 teens who made it to New York—31 girls and 31 boys—got a five-day theatrical boot camp at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, complete with scrambling

to learn an opening and closing group number, intense advice on their solo songs, plus a field trip to watch "Annie" on Broadway and dinner at famed theater-district hangout Sardi's.

All 62 performed snippets of the songs that they had sung at regional competitions as part of seven large medleys and then seven finalists—three boys and four girls—were asked to sing solos. The final winners were picked from the last seven.

All had to switch from black dresses for the ladies and dark suits for the men at the top of the show into their character costumes for their medleys and then back again. Their performances were backed by a nine-piece orchestra.

The five runners-up, who each receive \$2,500, were: Martha Hellerman from Madison, Wis.; Eva Maria Noblezada from Charlotte, N.C.; Jillian Caillouette from Norwich, Conn.; Michael Burrell from Mission Viejo, Calif.; and Austin Crute from Atlanta.



# BET apologies to fashion blogger over attire clash

**NEW YORK (AP)**—BET is apologizing to a fashion blogger who says it made him tone down his feminine look to appear on the network's pre-awards show.

The network called the incident with B. Scott, which took place before Sunday's BET Awards, a "miscommunication." On his blog Monday, Scott, who is openly gay, said he was told to change his outfit—a flowing black tunic and black pants—to a more conservative suit. He also said he was asked to pull his long black hair back in a ponytail and not to wear heels.

He did appear on the show, which aired just before the awards, wearing a suit with no shirt, makeup and his hair pulled back.

Scott said he was hurt and embarrassed by the situation.

"It's not just about the fact that BET forced me to pull my hair back, asked me to take off my makeup, made me change my clothes and prevented me from wearing a heel," he wrote.

"It's more so that from the mentality and environment created by BET made me feel less than and that something was wrong with who I am as a person."

BET was regretful of the incident in a Monday statement to The Associated Press.

"BET Networks embraces global diversity in all its forms and seeks to maintain an inclusive workforce and a culture that values all perspectives and

backgrounds," the statement read. "The incident with B. Scott was a singular one with a series of unfortunate miscommunications from both parties. We regret any unintentional offense to B. Scott and anyone within the LGBT community and we seek to continue embracing all gender expressions."

Messages left Monday seeking comment from B. Scott were not immediately returned.

## Gabrielle Union stars in BET's 'Being Mary Jane'

**ATLANTA (AP)**—Gabrielle Union lost the lead role of the ABC series "Scandal" to Kerry Washington, but she says the experience gave her hope that strong and likable female characters can be created for black actresses.

"I said to myself, 'Oh my God, these roles are out there,'" Union recalled in a recent interview. "It showed me that you don't have to settle. Luckily, the success of her and the show bred more work."

Now, Union is ready to make her mark. She will star in the dramatic movie "Being Mary Jane," which premieres Tuesday on BET. The movie will become a series, expected to air in January.

Union plays a successful TV news anchor who attempts to juggle work, her on-and-off relationships and the needs of her family. She said the role would be different from her typical "good girl who meets the bad guy from the other side of the tracks" character.

"If you loved me for one thing and may not have liked me in something else, this role gives the audience a chance to see that I can do more than one thing," said Union, 40, who starred in movies such as "Deliver Us From Eva" and "Daddy's Little Girls."

Union called her role as a news anchor "sort of a secret dream come true." She said she has always been fascinated with the news, reading three newspapers a day when she was growing up.

Union said she was growing up in preparation for "Being Mary Jane," Union studied journalist Soledad O'Brien, host of CNN's documentary series "Black in America."

"Her series took up a lot of space on my DVR," Union said. "I love how (O'Brien) delivers information. There's a news anchor's cadence that's different from an actor's cadence. If you



Gabrielle Union arrives at the BET Awards at the Nokia Theatre on Sunday, June 30, 2013, in Los Angeles.

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do it wrong, you can come off cold or disconnected to the subject. I've been able to grow with the character in that manner."

Union hopes she can follow Washington's success.

"I didn't get 'Scandal,' but I got something better—which is my own show," Union said. "It's all about building a legacy. This new opportunity is something I feel that can grow."

## Fred Armisen confirms his exit from 'SNL'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Fred Armisen has confirmed he has left "Saturday Night Live" after 11 years.

Armisen dispelled any doubt about his exit in an interview posted Monday by comedy website Splitsider.

"SNL" often doesn't announce its cast changes, but the show's season finale in May concluded with a farewell for

Armisen and Bill Hader.

Armisen says he felt as though his departure from "SNL" was "obvious" considering in his last sketch he sang "It's been a lovely night with you" as British punk rock character Ian Rabbish. He was accompanied by several



Armisen

friends and musicians including Carrie Brownstein, his co-star on the IFC sketch show "Portlandia."

Armisen says he left partly because "Portlandia" was demanding more time and because "it felt like a very healthy, good time to do it."

## Pharrell wants legal decision in trademark issue

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams wants a judge to rule that a trademark for his "I am OTHER" company is not infringing on Will.i.am's "I AM" trademark.

Pharrell filed legal papers Monday in federal court in Manhattan. He's seeking a declaratory judgment of non-

infringement.

The two artists have been in dispute for the past several months over the issue.

A lawyer for Will.i.am declined to comment.

Will.i.am has owned the "I AM" trademark since 2001. He filed objections in March and May against Pharrell Wil-

liams' company, i am OTHER, that launched in 2010.

Will.i.am uses "I AM" for his businesses, including his charity foundation I AM ANGEL.

Pharrell's i am OTHER produces the hit web series "Awkward Black Girl" and other web series.

# Brother-in-law's kisses leave sister in a fury

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UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** My brother-in-law, "Dave," has twice kissed me passionately when my sister was not around. I made light of it and pushed him away. The third time it happened was when he came to my house to do a little repair job for me. That time he also grabbed my breast. I exploded and told him off.

Later on, Dave called and said he was going to come back to do some other things that needed attention. I told him he was not welcome in my house and that I'm furious he would do such a thing. He apologized and said he hoped I could forgive him.

I am so angry! I no longer want to be in his company. I also don't like that I have to keep his behavior a secret from my sister. I haven't told anyone, and it is keeping me up nights. Please help.

*Dear Abby*

FUMING IN FLORIDA

**DEAR FUMING:** Your mistake was in not setting your amorous brother-in-law straight the first time he made a pass at you. Because you didn't, he thought his advances were welcome.

Now that you have made plain to him that you're not interested, you will probably have nothing more to worry about. But you are wise not to have him over unless your sister is with him.

I don't blame you for being angry, but do nothing until you cool off. The question then will be whether to tell Sis that her husband behaves inappropriately and how you know.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently moved back to my home state and in with my grandmother to get away from my abusive husband. I have also filed for divorce. I love my grandmother dearly, but when it comes to the divorce or the therapy I go to weekly, she is not understanding and constantly brings up what he did to me.

I believe she's frustrated because I'm in therapy and she doesn't see a reason for me to go. She thinks "if it's not talked about, then it never happened." I have tried to explain to her that I can't just let go of what he did to me and my son. How can I make her understand that I'm trying to heal wounds that aren't visible from the outside?

TRYING TO HEAL ON THE INSIDE

**DEAR TRYING TO HEAL:** Your grandmother may come from a generation in which therapy was something to be ashamed of. A way to help her understand the importance of what you are doing would be to invite her to a session with your therapist, let her air her concerns, and let the therapist explain to her why it is important that you work this through to become healthy again. This must be very uncomfortable for you, and you have my sympathy.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a teenage girl living with my mom, who is a single parent, and my younger sister. We have struggled financially, but we mostly live a relatively comfortable life, and Mom owns her own home.

However, she constantly says things to me and my sister like, "We're so poor," or, "We're going to live under a bridge," even in public! We have asked her to stop several times, but she doesn't care that we are upset and embarrassed. How can I get her to stop?

EMBARRASSED IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** Rather than ask her to stop, don't you think you should approach her privately and ask why she is saying it? She may be joking, but her concerns could also be a holdover from when her financial situation was less secure. Please do it. Her response might be educational.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## UN, Geena Davis team up to study women in film

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—The U.N. women's agency is teaming up with actress Geena Davis to support the first global study of how women and girls are portrayed in family films, saying the images have a strong impact on how females see themselves.

Gender representation in film influences the perception of women and girls, their self-esteem and the relationships between the sexes, Lakshmi Puri, acting head of UN Women, said Monday.

"We cannot let the negative depiction of women and girls erode the hard gains that have been made on gender equality and women's empowerment," Puri said. "We hope that the study will address factors that positively impact the perception of women in society."

UN Women said the study will examine the top-grossing international movies in Australia, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Russia, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The Academy Award-winning Davis, who played the first female president in the television series "Commander in Chief," said the dearth of female characters of substance in the media means children are being taught that girls and women "don't take up half of the space in the world."

"Media images have an enormous impact on children's self-esteem and aspirations," she said in a statement. "This is why we decided to launch a global gender in media study: If girls see it, they can be it."

The Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media commissioned the study with support from the Rockefeller Foundation and UN Women. Results will be released in late 2014.

Previous research by the Geena Davis Institute revealed that in U.S. family films only 28.3 percent of all speaking characters were female. Many were depicted in stereotyped and sexualized roles. Only 3.4 percent of business leader characters and 4.5 percent of high-level politicians were women.



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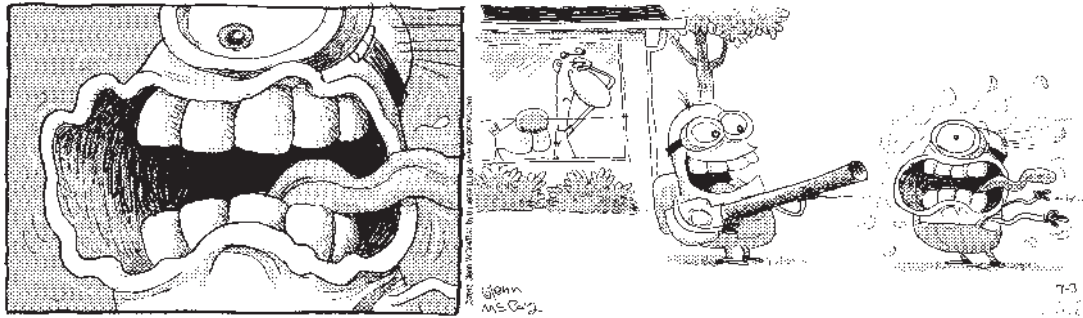
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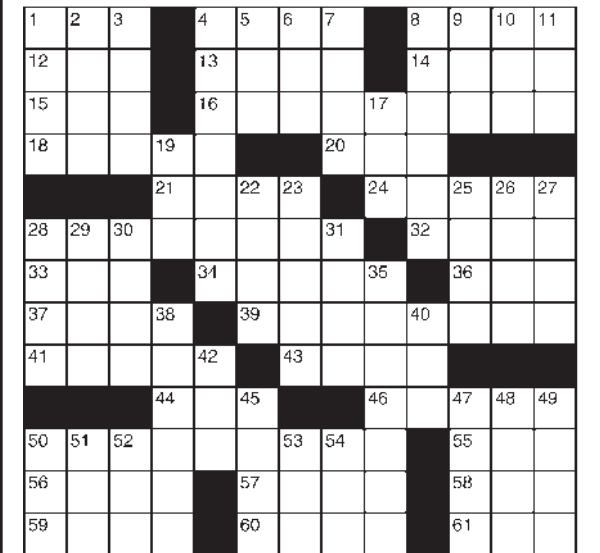
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# 5-time champ Williams exits Wimbledon in 4th round



**LONDON (AP)—** For 34 matches over 4 1/2 months, on hard, clay or grass courts, Serena Williams was unbeaten—and, in the minds of many, unbeatable.

So it was apt, somehow, that the longest winning streak in women's tennis since 2000 would end at this memorably unpredictable edition of Wimbledon, where up is down, where seedings and pedigree mean nothing whatsoever, where even five-time champion Williams looked lost at the start and, most surprisingly of all, the finish of her fourth-round match.

Stumbling on the Centre Court grass a couple of times while her game slumped in crunch time, the No. 1-ranked and No. 1-seeded Williams dropped the last four games to bow out 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 Monday against 23rd-seeded Sabine Lisicki of Germany.

"Didn't play the big points good enough," said Williams, who had won three of the past four Grand Slam titles, including Wimbledon a year ago and the French Open less than a month ago. "I didn't do what I do best."

Oddly passive down the stretch, Williams essentially let Lisicki to do what she does best: dictate points quickly with a big serve, powerful returns and pinpoint groundstrokes. If that sounds familiar, could be because it's the formula Williams uses to dominate her sport. Except on this breezy afternoon, Lisicki compiled a 10-7 edge in aces, a 35-25 lead in winners, and broke Williams five times.

"Come on, guys, let's get with it. She's excellent," a composed Williams said at her news conference after blowing leads of 3-0 and 4-2 in the third set. "She's not a pushover."

Especially at Wimbledon. Her game is built for grass. Lisicki is a mediocre 16-15 at the other three Grand Slam tournaments and 17-4 at the All England Club. She reached the semifinals at Wimbledon in 2011, and is into her fourth quarterfinal, coincidentally beating the reigning French Open champion every time: Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2009, Li Na in 2011, Maria Sharapova in 2012, and Williams in 2013.

"Good omen," Lisicki said. "Obviously," she said, "I went into the match feeling that I could win."

Might have been the only person who felt that way. After all, Williams owns 16 major championships, and entering Monday, the 31-year-old American had won 46 of 48 matches this season, and 77 of 80 since the start of Wimbledon in 2012.

"You cannot be perfect, every match, all year," said Patrick Mouratoglou, the French coach who began working with Williams last year. "She won 34 matches in a row. It has to stop one day. It has to happen. And it



Sabine Lisicki of Germany reacts after beating Serena Williams of the United States in a Women's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday, July 1, 2013. AP

happened today."

The inevitability of failure, even for the most successful player, has never been made clearer than during this tournament. This was only the first day of the fortnight's second week, yet Williams joined quite a list of those already gone: Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Victoria Azarenka and Sharapova—all major title winners, all former No. 1s, all out by the end of Day 3.

"This," summed up 17th-seeded Sloane Stephens, "has been a crazy Wimbledon."

Sure has. No U.S. men

reached the third round, something that last happened 101 years ago, and Williams' departure made Stephens the lone American singles player left. The 20-year-old Stephens' first quarterfinal at the All England Club comes Tuesday against No. 15 Marion Bartoli of France, the 2007 runner-up.

The other matchup on their half of the draw is No. 8 Petra Kvitová of the Czech Republic, the 2011 Wimbledon champion, against No. 20 Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium. Tuesday's remaining quarterfi-

nals are No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, who lost to Williams in last year's final, against No. 6 Li of China; and Lisicki against 46th-ranked Kaia Kanepi of Estonia.

Kanepi reached her fifth Grand Slam quarterfinal, and second at Wimbledon, with a 7-6 (6), 7-5 victory over 19-year-old Laura Robson, the first British woman in the fourth round at the All England Club since 1998. Robson, like others, took note of Monday's most significant outcome.

"I thought for sure Serena

was going to win the tournament," Robson said, expressing a popular sentiment.

On Wednesday, the men's quarterfinals on the draw's top half are No. 1 Novak Djokovic of Serbia, a six-time Grand Slam titlist and the only remaining past Wimbledon winner, against No. 7 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, the 2010 runner-up; and No. 4 David Ferrer of Spain against No. 8 Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, the 2009 U.S. Open champion. On the bottom half, it will be No. 2 Andy Murray of Britain,

the London Olympic gold medalist and 2012 U.S. Open winner, against 54th-ranked Fernando Verdasco of Spain; and No. 24 Jerzy Janowicz against his Davis Cup teammate and pal, 130th-ranked Lukasz Kubot, in a match between the first two Polish men to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal since 1980.

One will give the country its first male semifinalist at a major tournament.

"We hugged. We are happy," Janowicz said. "Magical."

Janowicz's serve reached 137 mph and his temper flared on occasion as he beat 37th-ranked Jurgen Melzer 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, while Kubot also won a five-setter, celebrating with a can-can dance routine after hitting 26 aces to eliminate 111th-ranked Adrian Mannarino 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Both Janowicz and Kubot benefited from one of the record-equaling 13 withdrawals or mid-match retirements last week, another element fueling the tournament's topsy-turvy feel.

"Everyone was a bit on edge, a little bit uptight, because of what was happening with the injuries, withdrawals, upsets and stuff," said Murray, who like Djokovic hasn't lost a set. "Obviously, Serena losing today is a major shock, as well."

Late Monday afternoon, British bookmakers were making Lisicki the favorite to win a trophy that hours earlier seemed destined for Williams. Asked whether that affects her in any way, Lisicki shot back: "No, not at all." Not even a little bit? Lisicki didn't blink and answered, "No."

## Paul staying in LA, Howard hears pitches to leave

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



Chris Paul's answer was brief, just like his time on the free agent market.

"I'M IN!!!" he wrote Monday on Twitter.

He will be staying with the Clippers, the longtime losers he helped turned into a division champion in just two seasons.

Dwight Howard will need more time to think.

Free agency opened Monday in the NBA with the focus on the pair of Los Angeles All-Stars, though Paul took himself off the market only hours after shopping season started.

Agent Leon Rose confirmed Paul's return, which had been expected after the Clippers signed Doc Rivers as their new coach. The Clippers can pay the two-time Olympic gold medalist around \$108 million for five years.

Howard can make even more by staying with the Lakers, but that won't stop him from looking elsewhere.

He met with the Houston Rockets early Monday, the Dallas Mavericks and Atlanta Hawks also are interested, and the Lakers have said repeatedly

they want to keep him.

The Rockets got the first crack at persuading him to leave. With Hall of Famers Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler joining its contingent, Houston pitched Howard on joining All-Star James Harden.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey wrote on Twitter that it was a great meeting with Howard and that having Olajuwon and Drexler there "made it obvious how (Howard and Harden) could be the next (great) big/wing combo."

Hawks general manager Danny Ferry and new coach Mike Budenholzer were visiting Howard later Monday, trying to convince him to join his hometown team.

And he'll meet Tuesday with the Lakers' delegation. His first—perhaps only—season in Los Angeles was a disappointment and he acknowledged being unhappy at times. But the Lakers want to keep the former Defensive Player of the Year, believing the extra year and about \$30 million more they can give him will provide a huge advantage.

Steve Nash, who like Howard had a difficult first season in Los Angeles, tweeted Monday that he was flying from New York to

Los Angeles to help the Lakers make their pitch.

"(Dwight Howard) we're coming for you," he wrote. "You're going to love the statue we build for you outside Staples in 20yrs!"

Contracts can't be signed until July 10, after the next season's salary cap has been set.

The Hawks also were expected to meet with their unrestricted free agents, Josh Smith and Kyle Korver, on their trip to Los Angeles, a person with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Monday's meetings have not been officially announced.

There is plenty of interest in Smith, a versatile forward, and Deron Williams announced the Nets' interest in Korver by posting a picture of the sharp shooter in a Brooklyn uniform on social media.

Andray Blatche will return as a backup in the Nets' soon-to-be upgraded frontcourt. The 6-foot-11 forward-center agreed to a multiyear deal, his agent said. Blatche will provide minutes behind All-Star center Brook Lopez and Kevin Garnett, who will come from Boston along with Paul Pierce in a

deal that was agreed to on draft night, but can't be completed until after next season's salary cap is set.

The Knicks are hoping Andrea Bargnani relocates his outside shot after agreeing to a deal with Toronto to acquire the No. 1 overall pick in the 2006 draft. The Raptors will receive Knicks reserves Steve Novak, Marcus Camby and Quentin Richardson, who will be signed-and-traded. The Knicks are also sending the Raptors a 2016 first-round pick and two second-round picks, according to a person with knowledge of the details.

Bargnani averaged a career-best 21.4 points just three seasons ago, but finished with his worst scoring and shooting numbers last season since he posted career worsts of 10.2 points and 38.6 percent shooting in 2007-08.

Other top players that are available include Denver's Andre Iguodala and Philadelphia's Andrew Bynum—both part of the four-way trade that sent Howard from Orlando to Los Angeles last summer—and Indiana's David West. Sixth Man of the Year J.R. Smith of the Knicks is a free agent, as is former winner Manu

Ginobili of the San Antonio Spurs, who also could lose forward Tiago Splitter.

Miami is trying to hold onto Chris Andersen, which would essentially keep together the entire core of the team that beat San Antonio in seven games to win the NBA championship.

A person with knowledge of the deal told the AP that Eric Maynor agreed to a contract with the Washington Wizards.

Maynor will serve as the backup point guard behind John Wall. Maynor confirmed the news on his Twitter account, saying he appreciated all the love and support and was "excited to be signing" with the Wizards. He averaged 4.5 points with Oklahoma City and Portland last season.

The New Orleans Pelicans made an offer to Sacramento Kings restricted free agent guard Tyreke Evans, two people familiar with the situation said Monday.

Several media outlets reported the deal was for four years and ranging between \$40 million and \$48 million. Because he's a restricted free agent, the Kings will have the opportunity to match any offers Evans signs. Contracts can't be inked until July 10, after next season's salary cap is set.



# After beauty of Corsica, the brunt of Tour awaits



**CALVI, Corsica** (AP)—A funny thing about the Tour de France is that it can give competitors the most fabulous terrain on which to ride, but it cannot force them to race.

Instead of being the tricky day full of traps and surprises that Tour teams feared and organizers hoped for, Stage 3 of the 100th edition proved a bit of a dud.

Yes, there were some of the most riveting coastal scenery ever visited by the 110-year-old race. The drama, however, was in short supply. Corsica may be France's "island of beauty," but the riders were just as happy to whiz past it.

"Twisty roads like that along the coast, stunning scenery, and I'm sure it made for great shots from the helicopter," race favorite Chris Froome said. "But that's not what we were interested in."

In a three-week test of endurance, not every stage can be a classic. There are days, such as Monday, when the peloton decides the priority is to get from A to B safely, get back to the hotel, massage, eat and sleep. To have success at the Tour, survival comes first.

"The race is always what the riders make of it," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said.

Jan Bakelants was happy. The Belgian started the day in the yellow jersey that he won



The pack climbs during the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 145.5 kilometers (91 miles) with start in Ajaccio and finish in Calvi, Corsica island, France, Monday July 1, 2013.

with a clever and gutsy spurt of riding Sunday. He will wear it again for at least another day during Tuesday's team time trial in Stage 4. The teams will race against the clock, heading off one after the other in aerodynamic helmets, on a pancake-flat, 15-mile course in Nice, past the coastal town's airport and along its famous beachside avenue, the Promenade des Anglais.

With that technical and quick ordeal awaiting them, and because coastal headwinds slowed the riders, none of the 21 other teams could be bothered Monday to really try to take the lead from Bakelants.

His RadioShack teammates did a grand job protecting him. They rode much of the stage at the front of the pack, not letting breakaway riders get too far ahead and discouraging other teams from any thoughts of making a concerted assault. Their management of the stage helped make for dull racing, but it kept Bakelants in yellow.

"We never panicked," he said. "We managed the gaps."

But Tuesday will more than likely be his last day in the leader's jersey. There are 71 riders just a second behind him in the standings. One of them on a team that time trials better

than RadioShack will be in yellow next.

"We have good riders but haven't really trained for the team time trial," Bakelants said. "It will be tough to keep the jersey, but I've already had it two days and that's special. ... It's extraordinary to have worn it."

At the end of the stage, in the final 9 miles, the racing picked up. Several riders tried and failed to get away from the chasing pack. It came down to a sprint in the last 500 yards. Simon Gerrans, an Australian, threw his front wheel over the line just before Peter Sagan, a Slovakian.

On paper, Stage 3 looked daunting - 91 miles of narrow roads as sinewy as a blood vessel, with very little flat. On television, the coves, the white beaches and cliffs plunging into turquoise seas looked incredible. The riders strung out like a necklace of colored pearls as they sped along the coastline on a succession of twisting and breathtaking bends.

That is why Corsica paid the Tour to come this place: to make it look good. The island gave close to \$4 million to the Tour's owners for the right to host the first three stages this year, and paid another \$2.6 million in oth-

er expenses, said Paul Giacobbi, who heads the regional government. That bought "hours and hours and hours" of worldwide television coverage and "1 billion spectators," he said.

The logistics were complicated. The Tour was transporting itself on seven ships back across the Mediterranean to the French mainland overnight on Monday so it could resume less than 24 hours later for Stage 4 in Nice. After Monday's trek from the port of Ajaccio, two planes whisked the riders from the finish in Calvi so they could sleep in hotels on the French coast that same night.

This was the Tour's first visit to Corsica. Both came away happy. Prudhomme, the race director, said viewing figures in France for the Corsican leg of the race are the highest they've been in a decade.

"That is because of the 100th edition and the beauty of Corsica," he said.

Not that Froome and the other contenders for overall victory much cared. They were happy simply to be heading back in one piece to the French mainland, where the Tour will be decided in stages in the Pyrenees and Alps far more decisive than anything Corsica could offer.

"I'm quite relieved to be heading off Corsica now," Froome said. "Hopefully, the race will settle down a little bit."

## Dickey wins again, Blue Jays beat slumping Tigers



**TORONTO** (AP)—R.A. Dickey won again, Jose Reyes and Mark DeRosa homered and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the slumping Detroit Tigers 8-3 on Monday for their seventh straight home win.

The Blue Jays delighted a sellout crowd of 45,766 on Canada Day with their 11th victory in 13 games at Rogers Centre.

Coming off his two-hit shutout against Tampa Bay, Dickey (8-8) was sharp and won for the third time in four starts. The knuckleballer allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out four and walking one.

Reyes hit a leadoff shot in the third against Tigers rookie Jose Alvarez (1-2). For Reyes, it was his third homer of the year and second in two days.

DeRosa added a three-run drive in the fourth off reliever Luke Putkonen.

Prince Fielder and Omar Infante hit solo homers for the Tigers. Detroit lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Infante went 4 for 4 with a two-out homer in the ninth. Tigers star Miguel Cabrera, who came in with an AL-leading .373 batting average, went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts.

### Yankees 10, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Robinson Cano

homered twice and Andy Pettitte broke Whitey Ford's club record for career strikeouts to help New York snap a five-game skid with a victory over Minnesota.

Zoilo Almonte had three hits and two RBIs as the slumbering Yankees offense woke up with seven runs in the last two innings to reach double digits for the first time since May 10.

Struggling reliever Jared Burton (1-6) gave up three runs and three hits while getting only one out for the Twins, who coughed up another eighth-inning lead. Ryan Doumit had two hits and two RBIs.

Cano also had a double, a walk and three RBIs for the Yankees, who totaled 13 runs during their losing streak.

Pettitte allowed four runs in five innings. Joba Chamberlain (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win.

### Rays 12, Astros 0

In Houston, Matt Moore allowed two hits in seven innings for his 11th win and Ryan Roberts homered twice to lead Tampa Bay over Houston.

Moore (11-3) won his third straight decision and Cesar Ramos pitched two perfect innings to complete the two-hitter and help the Rays win their third in a row.

Roberts made it 3-0 with a two-run homer in the third off Dallas Keuchel (4-5) and tacked on another run with a solo shot in the eighth inning.

Sean Rodriguez had a career-high four hits—two doubles—with three RBIs, and three other Rays added three hits apiece on a night when they tied a season high for runs and finished with 17 hits.

Chris Carter and Jake Elmore got Houston's only hits with singles as the last-place Astros dropped their fourth in a row.

Moore struck out nine and walked three to tie his win total from last season.

Tampa Bay slugger Evan Longoria was out of the lineup for the third straight game with plantar fasciitis in his right foot, but the Rays don't plan on placing him on the disabled list.

### Nationals 10, Brewers 5

In Washington, Bryce Harper homered on his first swing since coming off the disabled list and his Washington Nationals teammates quickly joined in, beating the slumping Milwaukee Brewers.

After missing 31 games with bursitis in his left knee—the most lingering fallout from his collision with the Dodger Stadium wall—Harper energized the Nationals and sparked their second rout in two days. After

toying with .500 for the entire month of June, Washington moved two games above the break-even mark for the first time since late May.

Jayson Werth had five RBIs, and even pitcher Jordan Zimmermann was an offensive juggernaut with a team-high three hits, including a double to start a five-run third inning and a single to open a two-run fourth.

Working with an 8-0 lead, Zimmermann (12-3) pitched six innings and allowed four runs to tie unbeaten Max Scherzer of the Detroit Tigers for the major league lead in wins.

Harper launched the second pitch he saw from Yovani Gallardo (6-8) into the visitors' bullpen beyond left field for an opposite-field homer that drew a thumbs-up curtain call. The Nationals improved to 26-19 when Harper plays; they are 16-21 when he doesn't.

The 20-year-old slugger finished 1 for 4 with a walk.

The Brewers, missing injured Ryan Braun, have lost six straight.

### Reds 8, Giants 1, 6 innings

In Cincinnati, Todd Frazier homered and drove in four runs, leading Cincinnati out of its offensive slump to a victory over San Francisco in a game shortened to six innings because of rain.

Frazier had an RBI single and a three-run homer off left-hander Mike Kickham (0-3), who has been hit hard in each of his three major league starts.

Bronson Arroyo (7-6) gave up a pair of hits in six innings, including Brandon Belt's homer.

Rain halted the game after the sixth. The umpires waited 1 hour, 28 minutes before calling it.

### Marlins 4, Padres 0

In Miami, Jose Fernandez struck out 10 and allowed only two hits in a career-high eight innings as Miami beat San Diego to match a season high with its third consecutive victory.

Jeff Mathis delivered the big hit for the second game in a row, raising his batting average to .154. He hit a three-run double in the sixth, when the Marlins scored four unearned runs off Jason Marquis (9-4), who issued a career-high seven walks in 6 1-3 innings.

Mathis' ninth-inning grand slam beat the Padres on Sunday.

The Marlins began the week with the worst record in the majors, but since June 1 they're 16-10, and they've won six of their past seven games. They've allowed three runs in the past three games.

San Diego lost for the seventh time in nine games. Padres shortstop Pedro Ciriaco made an errant throw that led to the unearned runs.

Fernandez (5-4) walked one and equaled a career high in strikeouts. Steve Cishek entered with two on and got the final out for his 15th save in 17 chances, completing a three-hitter.

Fernandez improved to 3-1 with an ERA of 1.34 over his past six starts.

### Mets 5, Diamondbacks 4, 13 innings

In New York, Andrew Brown hit a two-run single with two outs in the 13th inning and New York put together a pair of late rallies to beat Arizona, handing the NL West leaders their fourth straight loss.

Hot-hitting Josh Satin tied it with an RBI single in the ninth off Arizona closer J.J. Putz, his first save opportunity since the ex-Met went on the disabled list May 8. Cody Ross led off the 13th with a homer against David Aardsma (1-0), but the Mets fought back again against the Diamondbacks bullpen.

Satin doubled with one out off Josh Collmenter (4-1) and John Buck was intentionally walked. Mets pitcher Matt Harvey pinch hit for Aardsma and sacrificed the runners over.

After Omar Quintanilla was intentionally walked, Brown lined an 0-2 pitch into left-center to end a game that lasted 5 hours, 13 minutes.

Paul Goldschmidt hit an early two-run homer for Arizona, his 20th.



# Mancao to join half marathon in Australia

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Michael Mancao will represent the CNMI in the 2013 Gold Coast Airport Marathon and ASICS Half Marathon this weekend in Queensland, Australia.

Mancao will leave Saipan for the Land Down Under tomorrow and race in the half marathon event set for Sunday at 6am. He will be competing in the 18 to 20 age group of the competition that will also double as the 2013 Oceania Marathon and Half Marathon Championships. The Top 3 Oceania athletes finishers in the men's and women's divisions in the marathon and half marathon will be presented with the Oceania Championship medals, while separate medals will be given to the Top 3 Pacific Island athletes.

Mancao in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday said that it will be his first time to participate in half marathon and he is hoping to finish his debut within the 1:30:00 mark.

"I am used to running 10K races, so this is a big challenge for me. I've been preparing for this race for about two months under coach Elias Rangamar so hopefully the hours I put into my training will pay off and I



Michael Mancao goes for the second lap of the high school race in the 2012 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 2 held in Susupe in November last year.

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rolanson Secharmidal. CNMI Hall of Famer Tony Rogolifo manages the squad, which has Syl Ada and Jesse Yamagishi as coaches.

Three other games were played in the Senior League last Monday with host Philippines downing Thailand, 13-5, Hong Kong topping China, 7-3, and New Zealand thwarting Indonesia, 5-1. The Senior League is divided into two pools (four teams each) and only the Top 2 squads in each group after the round robin play will advance to the playoffs. The CNMI is in Pool A and was scheduled

to face Indonesia last night and then meets New Zealand today.

In the Junior League division, the CNMI was also victorious, defeating Indonesia in the second match at Field 3, 13-6. The CNMI Junior League All-Stars are composed of Nathan Camacho Cedric Camacho, Allen Cepeda, Thomas Dela Cruz, Matthew Hamilton, Benen Iguel, Kier Agda, Francisco Li-foi, Christian Lizama, Benjamin Maratita, Aurel Mendiola, Juan Quitugua Jr., Roke Tenorio, and Jose Tyquingco, with Bernard Cabrera as manager and Lawrence Camacho and David Cepeda as coaches.

The Commonwealth bets' three other games in the Junior League are against India, Hong

Kong, the Philippines, and Chinese-Taipei. The defending champion Chinese Taipei also won in Day 1, clobbering the Philippines, 21-0, while Hong Kong also shut out India, 7-0. The division has a round-robin format with the Top 2 teams colliding in the finals.

Giving the CNMI its third win in Day 1 of the ASPAC were the Major All-Stars, who edged New Zealand, 3-2. Playing for the CNMI Major All-Stars are Donavin Ada, Kimo Angailen, Luis Blas, Dennis Cabrera, Jose Camacho, Tyresse Camacho, Spencer Dickenson, Philip Kapileo, Jordan Lee Kosam, Jr., Pedro Maratita, Dai Podziewski, Shakobe Rangamar, Leonardo Salalila, and Sho Taguchi. An-

tonio Camacho is the team manager, while David Ada Jr. and Cadiz Tenorio are the coaches.

The CNMI Major All-Stars are in Pool B and were slated to duel defending champion Chinese-Taipei yesterday. The Commonwealth players will also challenge Saudi Arabia, Korea, and Thailand. Only the Top 2 teams in Pools A and B will march into the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the CNMI dropped its opening game in both the Big League division and 50/70. In the Big League, Chinese-Taipei crushed the CNMI at Field 1, 15-5, while the Philippines routed the Commonwealth (represented by Rota players), 16-3, in the 50/70 match at Field 6.

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back to my element and back to my roots. My short-term goal is to patch up parts of my game that need attention right away... and eventually bring the PXC lightweight belt back home as soon as possible," he said.

Aside from reclaiming the PXC lightweight championship, Camacho said he also want to become a modern day samurai.

"I want to be a better person every day. Martial arts has changed my life in ways I cannot explain, and if I can pass it on and inspire people, it would be a life-long success for me."

PXC CEO and promoter E.J.

Calvo said "Frank is one of the next top prospects to get signed by The UFC from the Pacific. His focus on the lightweight division is a strong move."

He added that Camacho is one of the top prospects in the Pacific MMA scene and at the ripe age of 24, the best years of his MMA career are in front of him.

Camacho returns to PXC with an impressive 10-2 win-loss professional record with wins against veterans Ryan Bigler and James Jones during his young career.

He took a six-year hiatus from PXC while residing and training in the U.S. mainland over the last four years.

Camacho was born in Guam

and raised on Saipan, where he made a name for himself as a golfing talent by the age of 5. He competed in the junior worlds at the age of 13 with a 1 handicap.

At the age of 14, Camacho decided to try MMA and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu training and was hooked, fighting his first professional cage fight on Saipan at the age of 16.

According to Camacho, "I kind of took some criticism when I started training MMA and stopped golfing, but after I started getting really good on the mat and in the cage, I started getting a lot more support from the local community...although my parents always supported me 110 percent."

He added, "The mental aspect

of the golf game really helps me in MMA, where it is not so much physical, but a lot of focus needed in a fight."

Camacho's most significant fight of his young career was against UFC veteran Luigi "The Italian Tank" Fioravanti in PXC-12.

He recalls, "I remember studying my opponent by watching his UFC fights against Chris Leben and Jon Fitch. It was crazy! I just turned 18 years old, and after the loss to the UFC veteran due to a bad cut, I remember coming home and thinking, I can do this."

Camacho returned in PXC-13 four months later for a huge victory against Guam's Ryan Bigler at 170 lbs. (*Saipan Tribune*)

will be able to meet my target time," Mancao said.

"I need to stay focus, keep my pace, and not worry about runners passing me. I have to race against myself and be patient," the Marianas High School graduate said.

The race in Australia could be Mancao's last as a CNMI representative this year, as he will be moving to Guam next school year to study.

"I will go to University of Guam and take up physical therapy course. This maybe my last time to race for the CNMI in off-island event this year, as I will be busy with school, so I want to make my last a good

one," said Mancao, who added that is still willing to don the CNMI colors in future regional competitions, like next year's Micronesian Games.

Meanwhile, this weekend's races in Australian is expected to draw thousands of runners from around the world. As of yesterday, 962 have registered for the half marathon, while the full marathon has lured 1,078. The annual event, which gathers Australian running legends Rob de Castella, Steve Moneghetti, Lee Troop, and Pat Carroll, also features 10K, 5K, 7K, and junior dash (2K and 4K) and drew a record of 28,224 runners last year.

## TENORIO

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The Tsunami Saipan swimmer was the sixth recipient of the Rookie of the Year award since the club started recognizing outstanding members in 2006. Tenorio joined the elite company of siblings Kaito and Ryuto Yanai, Lukas Kang, Miku Tammy, and Heong Joo Yoo.

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan gave out two other awards during the recognition ceremony held on June 22 at PauPau Beach.

Hans Xu, Hiroto Yanai, and Sophia Gauran got the Coach's Award, which is a special citation from Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura.

According to Kimura, Xu was picked for the award in the boys division because he is the most promising swimmer in the Ikusei (training pool) class. Although a beginner, he has achieved BB times and has been showing good attitude during practices and competitions.

Sharing the boys honors with Xu was Hiroto Yanai, who was selected for dominating both the 2013 SSC International Invitational Swim Meet and the 2013 Guam Championships and having good attendance in Tsunami Saipan's practice sessions last season.

Gauran was the lone recipient of the special award in the girls division after pulling off an up-

set in the 2013 Guam Championships. The 9-year-old swimmer had a winning debut in the Guam meet, ruling the girls 9 to 10 age group after getting 64 points and finishing way ahead of Tsunami Guam's Roxanne Mikel (37) and Ivory Howat (35). Gauran was ranked first in the 100m breaststroke, 200m individual medley, and 50m freestyle, second in the 200m freestyle and 50m breaststroke, and fourth in the 50m backstroke.

Gauran earned her second award in last month's ceremony, as she joined Kenshiro Yanai and Tenorio on the group of swimmers honored for having the highest attendance percentage (more than 90 percent) for the season.

Gauran and 13 other Tsunami Saipan swimmers were also recognized for setting BB times (one of the U.S. standard times of progression for age group swimmers) or higher. Joining Gauran on the select group are U8's Xu and Kenshiro Yanai; 9 to 10's Tenorio, Aika Watanabe, and Ryuto Yanai; 11 to 12's Miku Tammy, Mark Maestro, and Hiroto Yanai; 13 to 14's Kaito Yanai, Angel Marie Tan, and Angel De Jesus; 15 to 16's Takumi Sugie; and 17 to 18's Kensuke Kimura.

Kimura and Tammy, who were named co-most valuable swimmers, were cited, too, along with Tan and Kaito and Ryuto Yanai for setting records last season.

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# 2012-2013 Tsunami Saipan Swimming Centre Awardees

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Tsunami Saipan Swimming Centre swimmers and officials pose for a group photo after the awards ceremony at PauPau Beach last month.



Co-most valuable swimmers Mike Tammy and Kensuke Kimura pose with their plaques.



▲ From left, Sophia Gauran, Juhn Tenorio, and Kenshiro Yanai, receive awards for having the highest practice attendance percentage. Joining them on the photo is Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura, right.



Tsunami Saipan swimmers listen to the announcement of Hiroko Tenorio.



Tsunami Saipan swimmers watch the limbo-rock contest.



Tsunami Saipan's young swimmers participate in one of the fun games.



From left, Angel Marie Tan, Miku Tammy, Ryuto Yanai, Kaito Yanai, and Kensuke Kimura get recognition for setting CNMI age group records last season.



► Manuel Babauta, left, and Asis Dangol take part in the lunch and recognition ceremony.





5-time champ  
Williams exits  
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## CNMI gets off to good start in ASPAC

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**T**he CNMI won three of its five games in the opening of the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament on Monday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines.



The Senior League All-Stars led the CNMI's good start in ASPAC, as they whipped Guam, 9-1, in the second game at Field 2. No other details of the CNMI-Guam were reported on ASPAC's official website and acting CNMI District Administration James Ada had yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune's* email at press time.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars are composed of Saipan players Cedric Ada, Khobby Kaipat, Francisco Lieto, Jerald and Jonathan Cabrera, A.J. Evangelista, Austin Hocog, Darion Jones, Kevin Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lifofoi Jr., Jose Lizama, Michael Muna, Jhace Palacios, Ian Rogolifo, and Vi-

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### 'The Crank' wants lightweight belt back



Camacho



Saipan's Frank "The Crank" Camacho is back in the Marianas after signing with Pacific Xtreme Championships and has already vowed that he would soon be wearing the PXC lightweight championship belt.

"I am truly honored to be back in the PXC cage, especially making my comeback home in the Marianas fighting

in Guam. Everyone knows I fight my hardest to represent the Marianas with my whole being, which makes it even sweeter to fight in front of fans that support me most. Everyone will see a new Frank 'The Crank' Camacho," he said in a media release from PXC.

Camacho added that he wants to get his "mojo back" with a victory.

"I'm back in the islands and  
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Darion Jones, seen here firing home a pitch during an SLLB game in March this year at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, is playing for the CNMI Senior All-Stars, who beat Guam, 9-1, during the opening of the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament on Monday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Philippines.

## Tenorio named Tsunami Saipan top rookie

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Nine-year-old Juhn Tenorio won the Rookie of the Year honors during the 2012-2013 season recognition ceremony of Tsunami Saipan Swimming Centre.

Tenorio, who once had to stop swimming due to health reasons, was given the award reserved for outstanding newcomers, for consistently placing in the Top 3 in Saipan and Guam



competitions last season. He finished first in the U8 division of the 2013 SSC International Invitational Swim Meet in March, third in the 35th Annual SSC Ocean Swim, and second in the 2013 Guam Championships in May. Adding to Tenorio's list of accomplishments are a couple of A and BB times.

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◀ Rookie of the Year Juhn Tenorio, right, poses with Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura during the club's recognition ceremony last month at PauPau Beach.

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